Supporting Healthy Americans: Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) provide a comprehensive, standardized range of mental health and substance use disorder care and services for anyone who walks in the door, 24/7, regardless of their diagnosis or insurance status. They help their communities:

- **Reduce the use of more costly care**, such as emergency department visits and hospitalization for psychiatric care.[1]
- **Lower costs** by preventing development of related chronic physical health conditions.[2]
- **Yield cost savings that can have a return on investment**, including reducing costs in the criminal justice system.[3]
- Keep people healthy and **able to participate in the workforce**.

CCBHCs play a critical part in improving Americans' access to mental health and substance use care, with more than 500 CCBHCs across the United States serving an estimated 3 million individuals and families in 40% of all U.S. counties.

President Trump was instrumental in advancing this work by strengthening the CCBHC demonstration program in his first term. CCHBCs are a successful, integrated and modern way of delivering 21st century mental health and substance use care to individuals and families in our country.

- **CCBHCs reduce the use of more costly settings for care.** Data shows CCBHCs help decrease emergency department usage by nearly 60%, and clinics have reported per-member-per-month cost-savings.
- **CCBHCs strengthen the workforce.** CCBHCs have reported increased hiring, adding over 11,000 new positions across all clinics within the past year.
- **CCBHCs are structured to coordinate and integrate with primary care.** Doing so improves health outcomes by efficiently and comprehensively meeting an individual's health needs since people with serious mental illnesses and substance use conditions experience disproportionately high rates of chronic diseases.
- **CCBHCs support veterans.** CCBHCs are required to coordinate care with Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities and other organizations serving veterans and members of the military. For example, a clinic in Kentucky partnered with the VA to provide community events and resources to veterans and their families. In 2024, 42% of CCBHCs reported increases in the number of veterans or active-duty members of the military they served.

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[1] https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36916061/
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[3] https://www.bhecon.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/BHECON-Criminal-Justice-Fact-Sheet_Final-APPROVED-1.pdf