Introduction to National Center for Health in Public Housing (NCHPH)

The mission of the National Center for Health in Public Housing (NCHPH) is to strengthen the capacity of Public Housing Primary Care (PHPC) Health Center Programs located in or immediately accessible to public housing by providing training and a range of technical assistance.

The goal is to increase the capacity and improve the performance of HRSA-supported Health Center Programs and other safety net providers in meeting the specialized health care needs of public housing residents. NCHPH has developed materials for training and education, disseminated best practices, and mentored new grantees.

Health Centers Located in or Immediately Accessible to Public Housing

There are 458 Health Center Programs located in or immediately accessible to public housing, serving close to 5.7 million patients. Of those, 108 receive Public Housing Primary Care (PHPC) grants and serve approximately 911,683 patients. Public housing means agency-developed, owned, or assisted low-income housing, including mixed finance projects, but excludes housing units with no public housing agency support other than section 8 housing vouchers.
CHARACTERISTICS OF PHPC HEALTH CENTER PATIENTS:

- **27.02%** of patients are less than 18 years old.
- **60.50%** of patients are adults (18-64)
- **10.89%** of patients are older adults (65 and older)
- **20.33%** of patients are less than 18 years old.

- **47.91%** of patients receive Medicaid
- **10.64%** of patients receive Medicare
- **4.02%** of patients are dual eligible (Medicaid and Medicare)
- **44.48%** of patients are at or below 100% of Federal Poverty

Source: [HRSA, 2021 Health Center Program Data](https://www.hrsa.gov)

HEALTH STATUS OF HUD-ASSISTED ADULTS

Adults that receive federal assistance for housing have higher rates of chronic health conditions and are greater utilizers of health care than the general population.

- **35.8%** are in fair or poor health vs. 13.8% of other adults.
- **71%** are overweight or obese vs. 64% of other adults.
- **61%** have a disability vs. 35.4% of other adults.
- **17.6%** have diabetes vs. 9.5% of other adults.
- **33.5%** are current smokers vs. 22% of other adults.


NCHPH provides the following:

- Offers remote, on-site, and one-on-one training and technical assistance and peer mentoring, including new HRSA BPHC grantee training and orientation call
- Develop publications that include protocols, toolkits, guides, infographics and more intended for health center professionals to help improve the health outcomes of their patient population.
- Provides knowledge of health literacy and skills necessary to reading,
understanding, and acting on basic health care information

- Facilitates outreach to public housing residents and collaborations with Public Housing Authorities

**Online Resources:**

- Webinars
- Learning Collaboratives
- Podcasts
- Publications
- Interactive Maps

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