

VALUE IMPACT of HEALTH CENTERS

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

Community Health Centers and other safety-net clinics such as **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless** provide tremendous value and impacts to their communities—from JOBS and ECONOMIC STIMULUS to local communities; SAVINGS to the health care system; ACCESS to care for vulnerable populations.

Highlights of **2016 contributions** are shown below.

JOBS and other positive impacts on the ECONOMY



557
TOTAL JOBS



\$63,351,367
TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT
of current operations.

\$9,219,008
ANNUAL TAX REVENUES



330
HEALTH CENTER JOBS

\$29,952,062
DIRECT HEALTH CENTER SPENDING

\$2,350,804
STATE AND LOCAL TAX

227
OTHER JOBS IN THE COMMUNITY

\$33,399,305
COMMUNITY SPENDING

\$6,868,204
FEDERAL TAX REVENUES

SAVINGS to the health system



24%
LOWER COSTS FOR HEALTH
CENTER MEDICAID
PATIENTS



\$19 Million
SAVINGS TO
MEDICAID

ACCESS to care for vulnerable populations



13,421
PATIENTS
SERVED

119,557
PATIENT
VISITS

829
patients are
CHILDREN AND
ADOLESCENTS

12,592
patients are
ADULTS

99% of patients are
LOW-INCOME
(Below 200% of the
Federal Poverty Level)

50% of patients
identify as an
**ETHNIC OR
RACIAL MINORITY**

Capital Link prepared this Value + Impact report using 2016 health center audited financial statements and Uniform Data System information. Economic impact was measured using 2016 IMPLAN Online.



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Summary of 2016 Total Economic Activity

Stimulated by Current Operations

		Economic Impact	Employment (# of FTEs*)
Community Impact	Direct	\$29,952,062	330
	Indirect	\$10,788,904	69
	Induced	\$22,610,401	158
	Total	\$63,351,367	557

Direct # of FTEs (employment) based on HRSA 2016 UDS state level data for Community Health Centers.

Summary of 2016 Tax Revenue

		Federal	State
Community Impact	Direct	\$4,073,610	\$755,240
	Indirect	\$939,075	\$386,548
	Induced	\$1,855,519	\$1,209,016
	Total	\$6,868,204	\$2,350,804
Total Tax Impact		\$9,219,008	

*Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) of 1.0 means that the person is equivalent to a full-time worker. In an organization that has a 40-hour work week, a person who works 20 hours per week (i.e. 50 percent time) is reported as "0.5 FTE." FTE is also based on the number of months the employee works. An employee who works full time for four months out of the year would be reported as "0.33 FTE" (4 months/12 months).

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HOW ECONOMIC IMPACT IS MEASURED

Using IMPLAN, integrated economic modeling software, this analysis applies the “multiplier effect” to capture the direct, indirect, and induced economic effects of health center business operations and capital project plans. IMPLAN generates multipliers by geographic region and by industry combined with a county/state database. It is widely used by economists, state and city planners, universities and others to estimate the impact of projects and expenditures on the local economy. This analysis was conducted using 2015 IMPLAN Online.

WHAT ARE DIRECT AND COMMUNITY IMPACTS?

Direct impacts result from *health center expenditures associated with operations, new facilities, and hiring.*

Community impacts can be indirect, resulting from *purchases of local goods and services, and jobs in other industries.*

Community impacts can be induced, resulting from *purchases of local goods and services at a household level made by employees of the health center and suppliers.*

