

FQHCs in Georgia

FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS

ABOUT FQHCs

DID YOU KNOW?

FQHCs, also known as community health centers, are community-based and patient-directed non-profit organizations that deliver comprehensive, culturally-competent, high-quality primary health care and preventative services to Georgia's most vulnerable individuals and families, including people experiencing homelessness, agricultural workers, residents of public housing, and veterans.

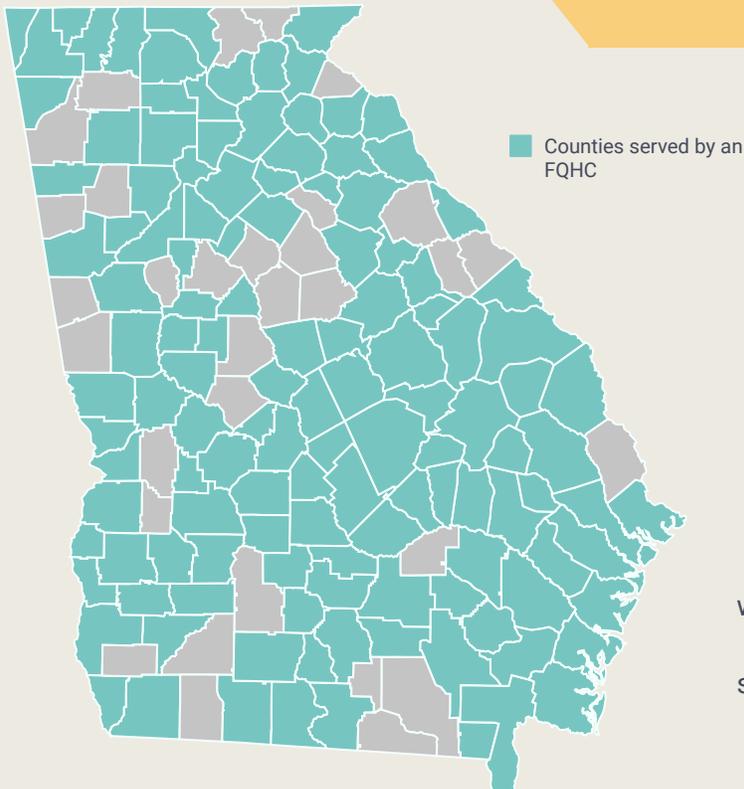
FQHCs are open to **ALL** residents, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. Charges for services are on a **sliding fee scale** based on patient or family income.

FQHCs provide care to Georgia's **low-income** and **medically-underserved communities**.

FQHCs often integrate access to **pharmacy, mental health, substance use disorder, and oral health** services in areas where economic, geographic, or cultural barriers limit access to affordable health care services.

The Georgia state budget each year provides one-time start-up grants of **\$250,000** each to establish new FQHC sites. Once approved, the sites are federally funded and there is no ongoing state funding. Over the past ten years, **\$6.75 million** has been provided for start-up grants.

IN GEORGIA



34 FQHCs

operating across

125 counties

with

229 delivery sites



551,428 patients were served in 2018, an **increase of 77%** since 2010, resulting in **1.74 million** patient visits.



3,287 staff provide care, including physicians, nurses, dentists, and behavioral health staff.



Health centers in Georgia deliver **\$758.8 million** in economic activity across the state.