

# Community Mental Health Centers Becoming FQHCs! How Did They Do It?

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## FQHC Basics

- FQHCs or Community Health Centers (CHCs) are private, non-profit agencies that **provide comprehensive primary medical care for all life cycles**, as their primary purpose, particularly to high need populations who face barriers to accessing PC services elsewhere
  - ✓ To be eligible, an organization may not propose only a new access point to provide only a single service, such as behavioral health services.
- FQHCs are based on **consumer control**: 51% of the Board of Directors must be patients of the health center
- FQHC **services are available to all**, regardless of insurance status, with fees adjusted based upon ability to pay
- Have a system to collect and organize rigorous **performance and accountability requirements** for administrative, clinical and financial operations

## New Access Points

- 382 applications were submitted.
- HRSA funded 268 grants: 32 grants in FY 2013 (September 2013) and 236 in FY 2014 (November 2013).

17 CMHC New Access Points in 2013-2014	
Norton Sound Health Corporation	AK
South Central Foundation Behavioral Health Services	Anchorage, AK
Tanana Chiefs Conference	Fairbanks, AK
Superstition Mountain Mental Health Center	Apache Junction, AZ
Asian Americans for Community Involvement	San Jose, CA
Citrus Health Network, Inc.	Hialeah, FL
Meridian Services	Muncie, IN
Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority	Metairie, LA
Community Mental Health Services of St. Joseph County	Centreville, MI
Detroit Central City Community Mental Health	Detroit, MI
Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare	Clinton, MO
Swope Health Services Behavioral Health Department	Kansas City, MO
Presbyterian Medical Services Behavioral Health	Santa Fe, NM
Morris Heights Health Center	Bronx, NY
Cherokee Health Systems	Knoxville, TN
Pennyroyal Regional Mental Health-MR Board	Hopkinsville, KY
Regional Mental Health Center	Merrillville, Indiana



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