

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

Federally-funded health centers care for you, even if you have no health insurance. You pay what you can afford, based on your income. Health centers provide:

- checkups when you're well
- treatment when you're sick
- complete care when you're pregnant
- immunizations and checkups for your children
- dental care and prescription drugs for your family
- mental health and substance abuse care if you need it

Health centers are in most cities and many rural areas. To locate a FQHC near you, go to the link below and type in your city or state location, in the “Search by Address” box:

http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/Search_HCC.aspx

The following link has more information about Federally Qualified Health Centers:

http://www.raconline.org/info_guides/clinics/fqhc.php

Question: What types of services do FQHCs provide?

Answer: FQHCs must provide primary care services for all age groups. FQHCs must provide preventive health services on site or by arrangement with another provider. Other requirements that must be provided directly by an FQHC or by arrangement with another provider include: dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, transportation services necessary for adequate patient care, hospital and specialty care. For more information, please see [Health Center Program Expectations \(PIN 98-23\)](#).

Question: Is a sliding fee scale required?

Answer: Yes, FQHCs must use a sliding fee scale with discounts based on patient family size and income in accordance with federal poverty guidelines. FQHCs must be open to all, regardless of their ability to pay. For more information, please see [Health Center Program Expectations \(PIN 98-23\)](#).

The following link provides more Questions and Answers about FQHCs:

http://www.raconline.org/info_guides/clinics/fqhcfqa.php#whatis