



# Cancer Care In Low Resource Areas

## Our Safety Net: Health Centers

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# Agenda

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- Overview: Community Health Centers
- Role of Community Health Centers in Cancer Care
- Challenges
- Promising Approaches



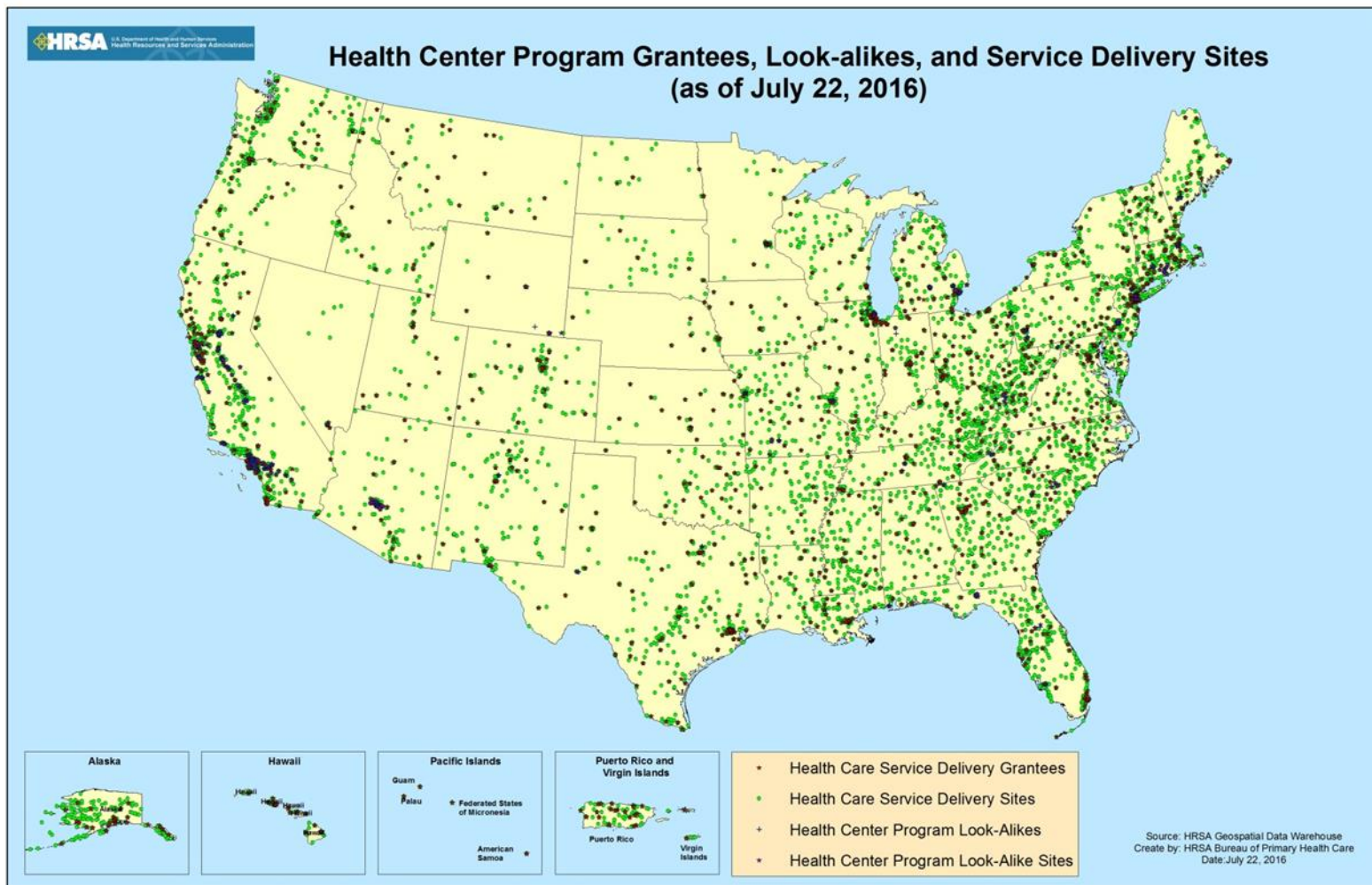
# Health Center Program Fundamentals

- Provide **high quality, culturally competent, comprehensive primary care**, as well as **supportive services** such as education, translation, and transportation that promote access to health care
- Community-based organizations with autonomous, **patient-majority** governing boards
- Focus on **underserved** populations and communities
- Respond to individual **needs of community**
- **Diverse** in size, capacity, populations served, and staff



# Increase Access

## National Presence

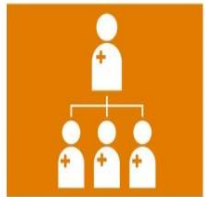


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## Patients

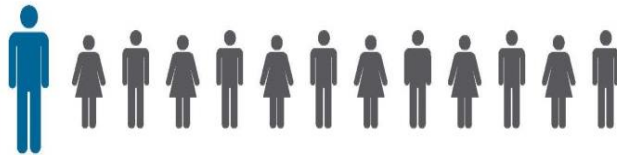


**24,295,946**  
PATIENTS SERVED

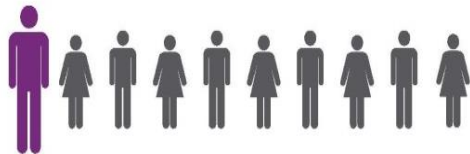


**188,852**  
HEALTH CENTER EMPLOYEES

**1 IN 13**  
PEOPLE IN THE US



**1 IN 10**  
CHILDREN IN THE US



**1,191,772**  
HOMELESS



**910,172**  
AGRICULTURAL WORKERS



**649,132**  
SCHOOL-BASED



**1,510,842**  
PUBLIC HOUSING



**305,520**  
VETERANS



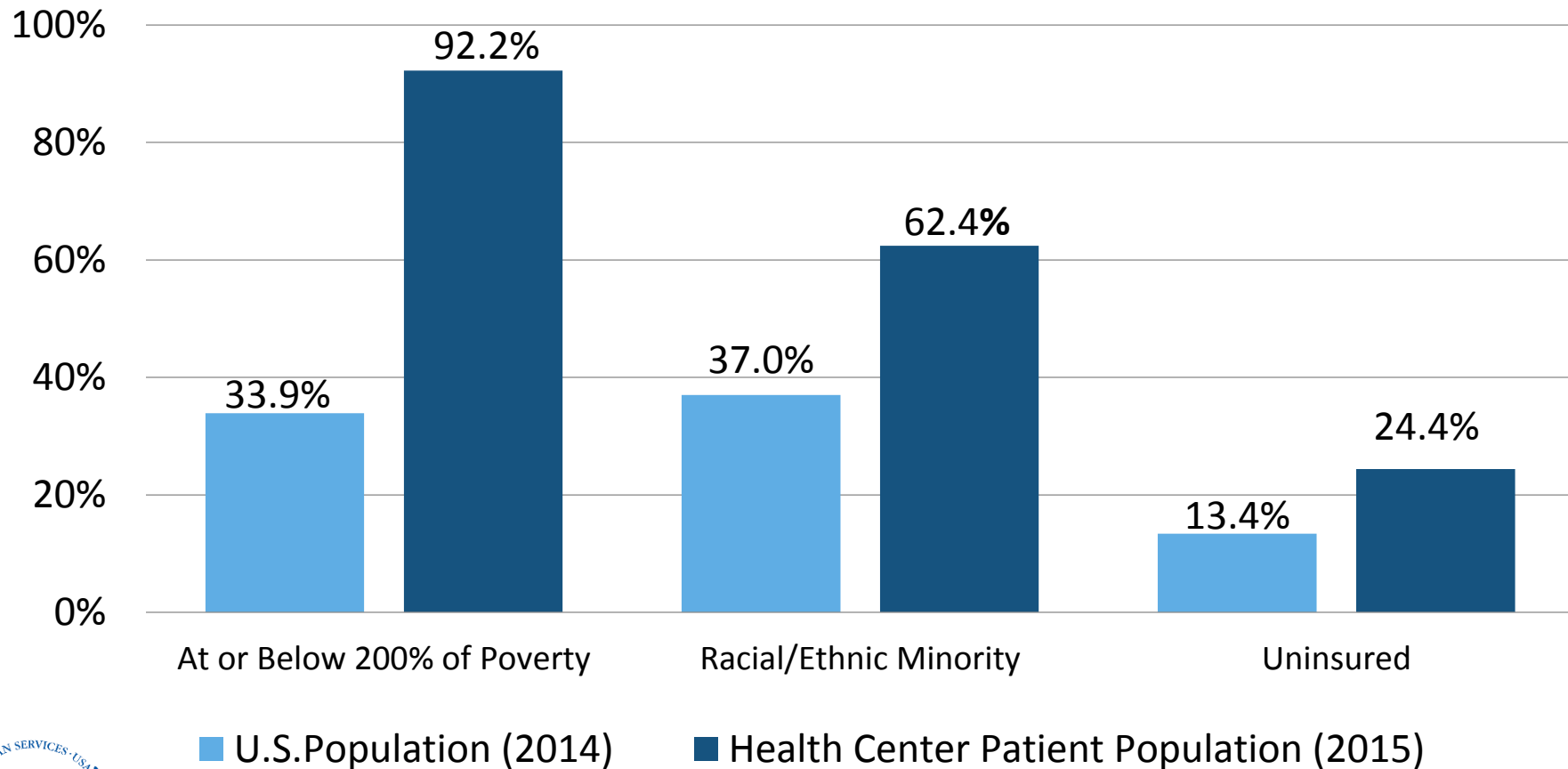
Source: Uniform Data System, 2008-2015. *National Data:* U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 Population Estimates



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## National Impact

### Health Centers Serve a High Proportion of Low-Income, Minority and Uninsured Patients



Source: Uniform Data System, 2015. *National Data*: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement; Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2013.





# Role of Community Health Centers in Cancer Care

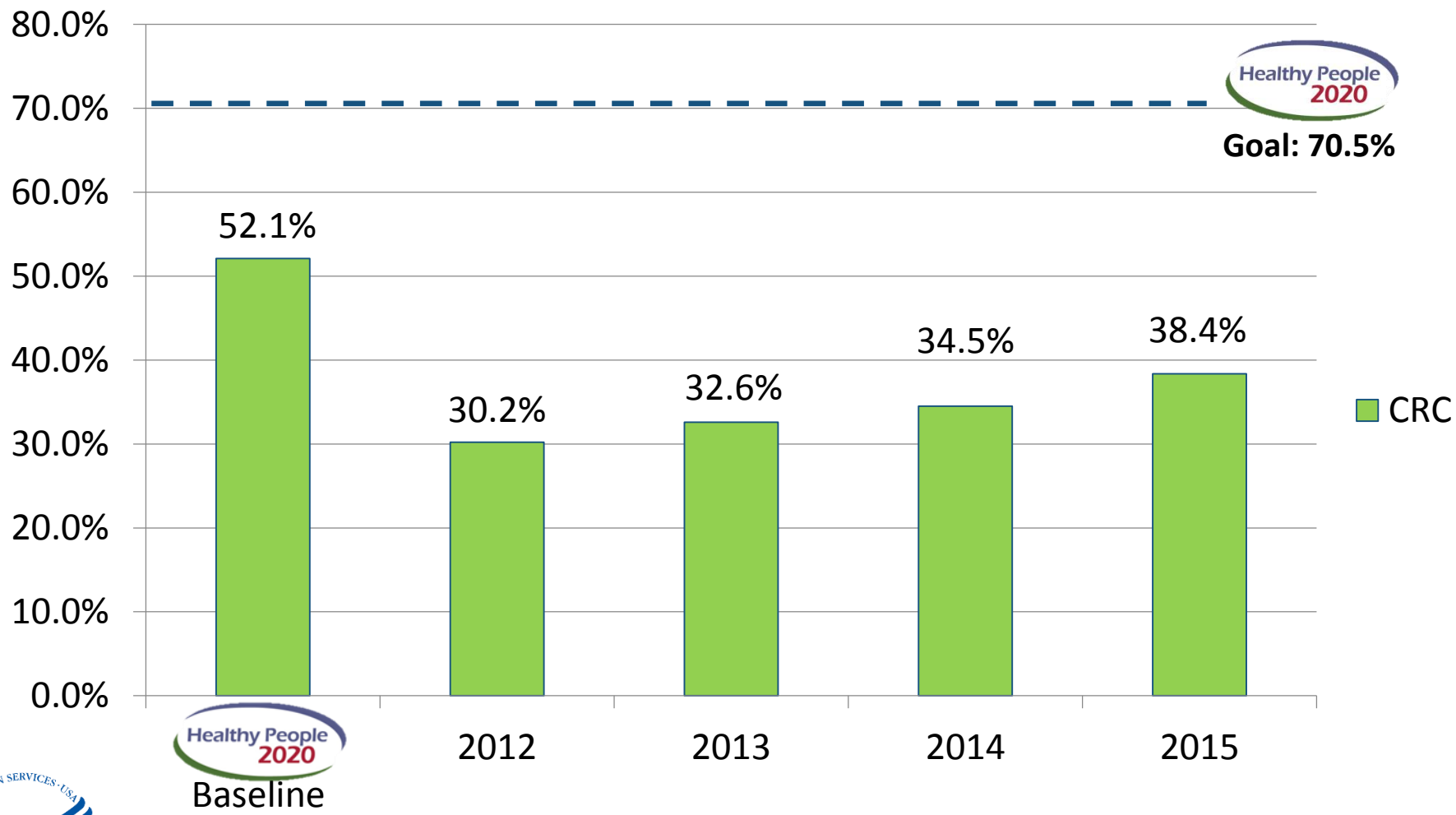
## ***Primary Care: Continuous Trusting Relationship***

- Screening and prevention
- Referrals for specialty care/procedures
- Wrap around services
- Patient Centered Medical Home
  - Patient centered, continuous care
  - Population Management
  - Behavioral Health Integration
  - Care coordination/management
  - Quality Improvement

Chronic disease management: Survivorship



# CQM: Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Screening





# Challenges

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- Lack of insurance/underinsurance
- Social Determinants of Health
- Co-morbid conditions
  - Behavioral health/substance use disorders
- Transitions in care/care coordination
- Health literacy/Health beliefs

# Promising Approaches

- Linkage to Care Pilots
- Community Health Workers/Patient Navigators
- Medical Neighborhood
  - Transportation support
  - Care management/care coordination
  - NCQA Patient Centered Specialty Practice Recognition
  - Public health/primary care integration
- Behavioral Health Integration
- Quality Improvement: Cancer related performance measures



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