



# NASEM Population Health Roundtable

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# HRSA Health Center Program Mission

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To improve the health of the nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services

# Health Center Program Fast Facts



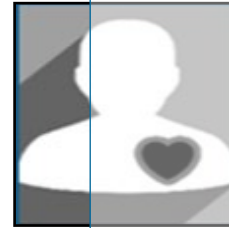
Source: Uniform Data System, 2020

# Health Center Program Fundamentals



## Serve High Need Areas

- Must serve a high need community or population (e.g., HPSA, MUA/P)



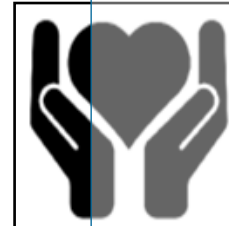
## Patient Directed

- Private non-profit or public agency that is governed by a patient-majority community board



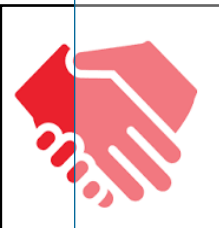
## Comprehensive

- Provide comprehensive primary care and enabling services (e.g., education, outreach, and transportation services)



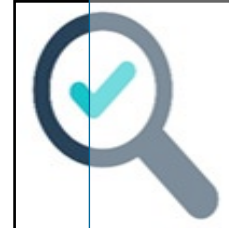
## No One is Turned Away

- Services are available to all, with fees adjusted based upon ability to pay



## Collaborative

- Collaborate with other community providers to maximize resources and efficiencies in service delivery



## Accountable

- Meet performance and accountability requirements regarding administrative, clinical, and financial operations

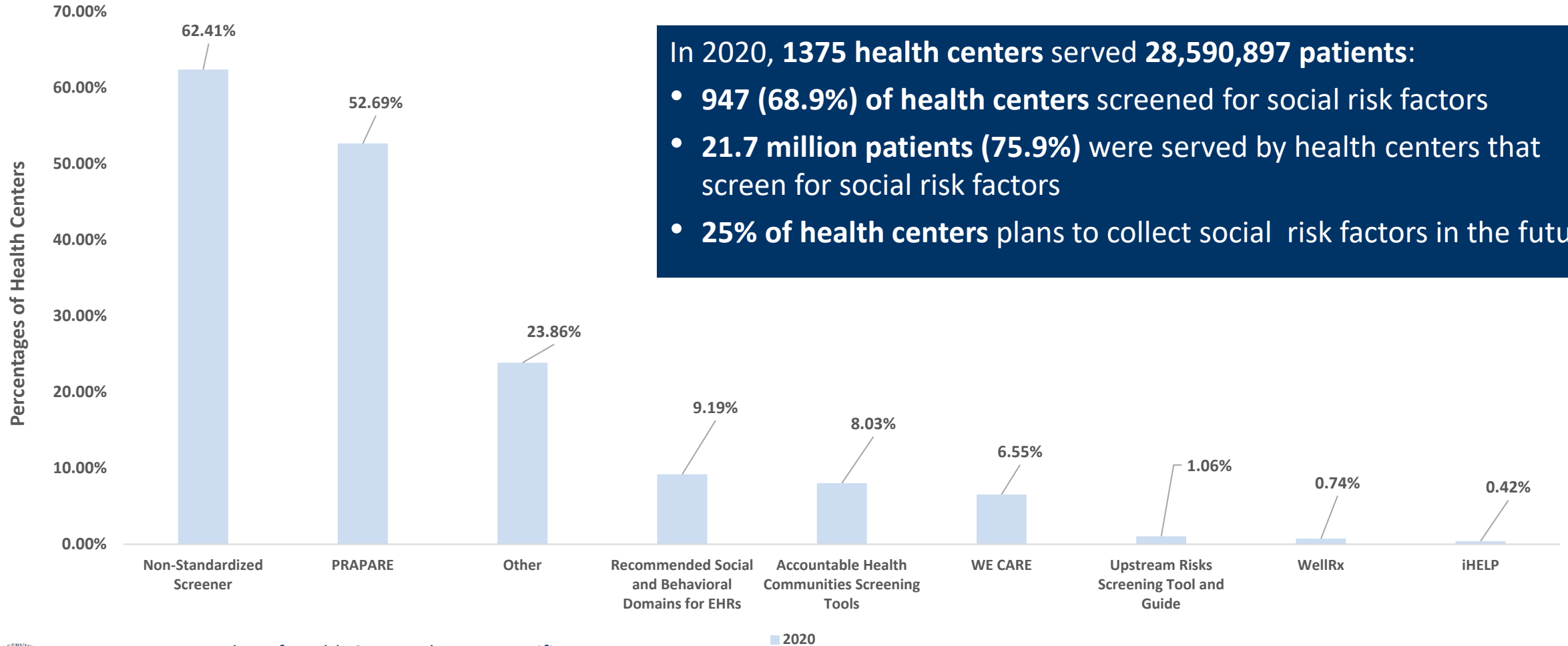
# Advancing Population Health in Underserved Communities

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- Focus on Needs Assessment, Community Governance and Quality of Care in Health Center Program Requirements
- Investing in Quality and Population Health Improvement Infrastructure
- Aligning Systems to Improve Quality
- Transparency & Accountability
- Incentivizing Improvement
- Accelerating Innovation
- Modernizing Data Collection



# Standardized Screening for Social Risk Factors



In 2020, 1375 health centers served 28,590,897 patients:

- 947 (68.9%) of health centers screened for social risk factors
- 21.7 million patients (75.9%) were served by health centers that screen for social risk factors
- 25% of health centers plans to collect social risk factors in the future



Numerator: Number of Health Centers that use specific screeners  
Denominator: Health Centers that collect data on patients outside of UDS  
Source: Uniform Data System 2020 – Table: Health Information Technologies Capabilities





# Accelerating Health Center Innovation

## Building Bridges to Better Health: A Primary Health Care Challenge

- Develop and test low-cost, scalable technical assistance solutions for health centers that will:
  - Enhance access to primary care and other services
  - Improve care coordination with other local providers and social service organizations
- To improve overall health outcomes and reduce health disparities by addressing key drivers of poor health, including health related social risk factors

## Quality Improvement Fund

- Activate and accelerate innovative advancements in delivering high quality care to improve health outcomes, reduce health disparities, and advance health equity for underserved and vulnerable populations.
- Optimizing Virtual Care (OVC) [\$55 million, 29 awards]
- Next area of focus - Maternal Health



# Thank You!

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