

# **Panel 1: How Do We Measure Primary Health Care For Value, Impact, And Investment?**

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# How Do We Measure Primary Health Care For Value, Impact, And Investment?

- Value of non-billable services and the cost of providing comprehensive primary health care,
  - non-billable services and non-claims-based payments
- Primary health care and public health integration,

# Day in the Life of a Primary Care Practice

- Team Huddle – review schedule and prepare for the day, high-need patients, procedures
  - Review emails and patient portal communication
  - Review labs and imaging results, review recent referrals
  - Patient encounters\*\*
  - Group visit – low back pain – education, stretching with PT, relaxation^
  - Write letter to patients with DM, education and testing reminder. (CRCS, Immun, etc)
  - Review refill scripts with nurse
  - Meet with counselor to review recommendations for morning patients she saw
  - Home visit with 2 homebound patients^
  - Complete charting
  - Lunch
  - Lather rinse repeat
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- \*\* reimbursed
  - ^ maybe some reimbursement

# How to measure the value of non-billable services and the cost of providing comprehensive primary health care,

- Provider and practice activities – billable and non-billable services
  - Lab/imaging review, communicating results, - all bundled into encounter fee
  - Patient communication – emails, portals,
    - Triage, treatment, management
    - Prospective outreach for prevention and chronic care management
    - Individual and group, population messaging
    - Community
  - Nurse, staff communication, outreach, refills, education
  - Social services, referrals for SDOH,
  - Behavioral health
- Patient Spend – Out of Pocket
- Payer – Structured payments – non-claims-based payment
  - Non-fee-for-service payments applied to primary care services. Non-claims payments may include “value-based” pay-for-performance bonuses or withholds; shared savings relative to a benchmark; per-patient, per-month capitation; or other type of non-fee-for-service payment
- Indirect Observation of Direct Primary Care Study – Robert Graham Center
  - What happens in primary care when little to no revenue is based on fee-for-service, claims-based payments

Non-claims-based  
payments support  
non-billable services.

# Primary Care and Public Health

- Sometimes primary care is necessary but not sufficient
- Sometimes public health is necessary but not sufficient
- Primary care and public health reside in the context of community social assets.
- How might we measure the impact when primary care and public health work together? To support PC-PH integration

# Primary Care and Public Health

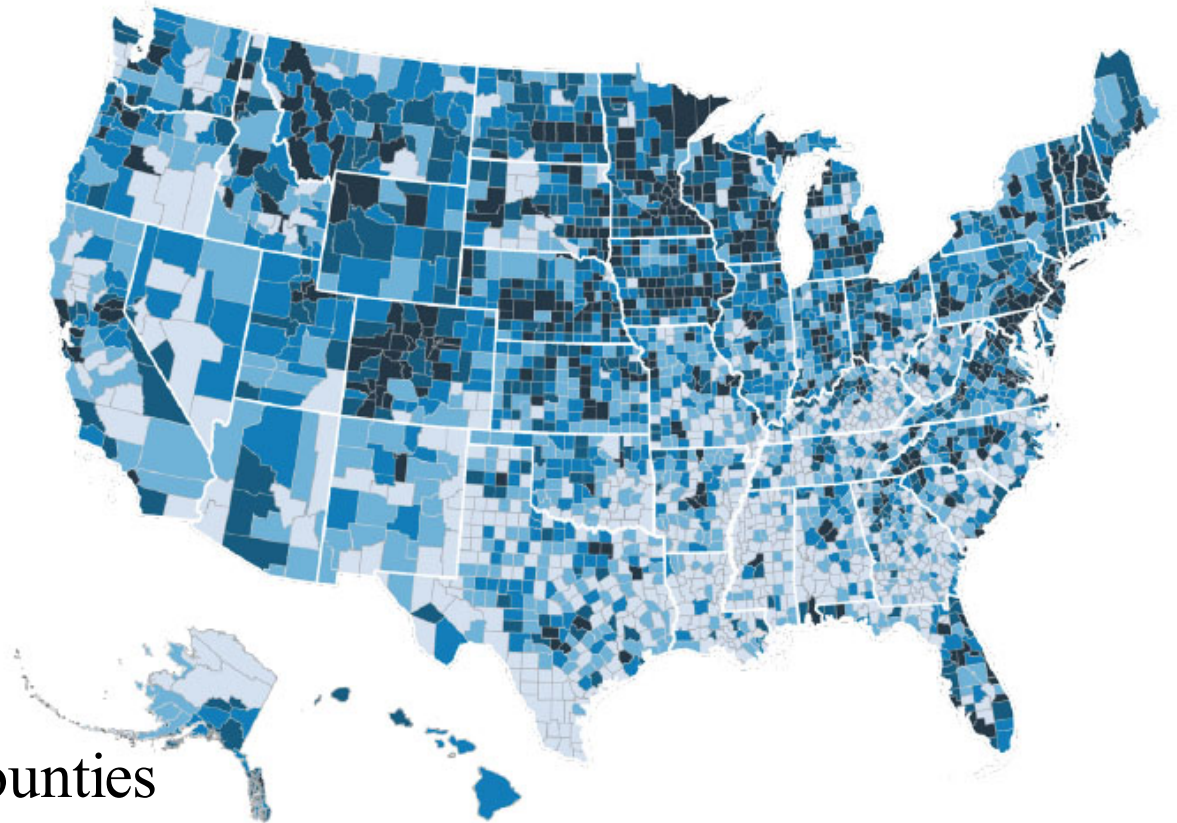
## Community Health Index

- Primary Care – 1-10
  - Supply rates from American Medical Association Masterfile
- Public Health- 1-10
  - Public Health Preparedness from the National Health Security Preparedness Index - NACCHO
- Social Assets- 1-10
  - Social Deprivation Index from the American Communities Survey -RGC

FIGURE 2.3

### Community Health Index Distribution by County

3-9 10-13 14-17 18-21 22-30



\*20% of the population lives in the lowest CHI counties  
17% of the population lives in the highest CHI counties

# CHI and COVID

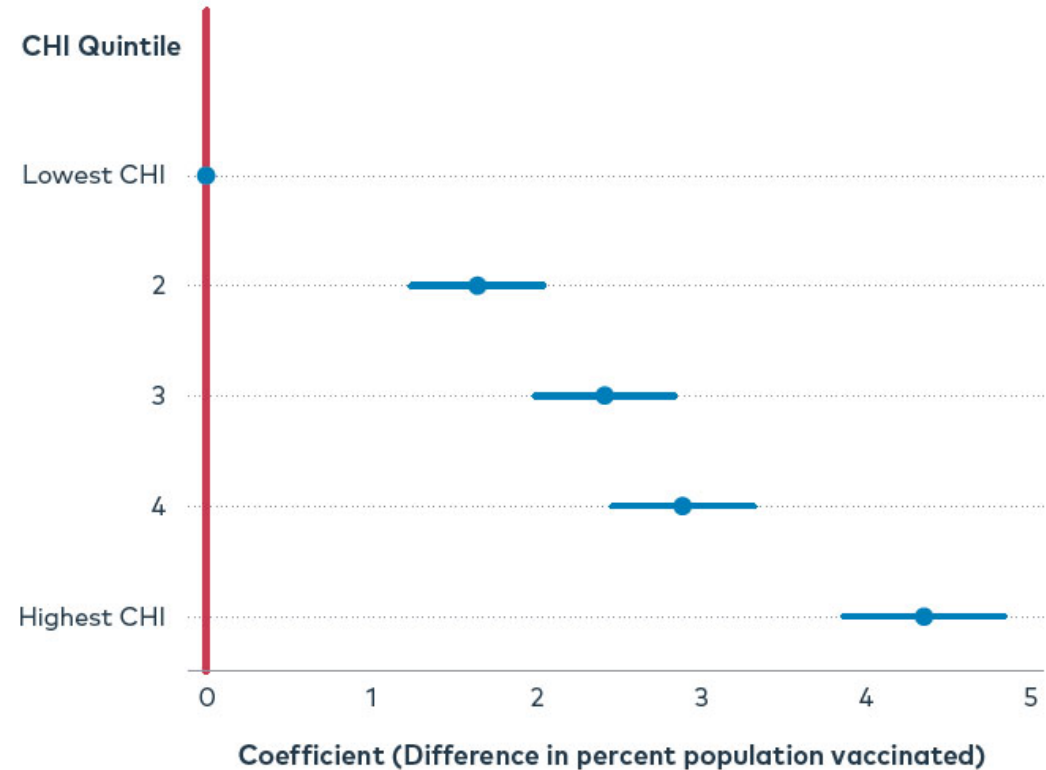
- Primary Care and Public Health
  - Co-location
  - Integration
- Funding
- Communication

<https://www.graham-center.org/home.html>

<https://www.pcpcc.org/resource/evidence2021>

FIGURE 2.4

Percentage of the Adult Population (18+) who Received COVID-19 Vaccinations\*



\* Adjusted for county-level percentage of rural, Black, and Hispanic populations

Source: Authors' analysis of Community Health Index, derived from the American Medical Association Physician Masterfile 2020; American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year Summary File; National Health Security Preparedness Index 2020; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 County Vaccination Data, April 21, 2021).