



NASEM Panel

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People





What is a Health Center?

- **Private, non-profit, or public community-based organization** that provides comprehensive primary care and patient support services
- **Patient-directed** (governed by a patient-majority board)
- Serves **medically underserved areas**
- **Fees adjusted** based on ability to pay
- **Thousands of locations** across the country
- **Collaborates** with community partners to maximize resources, including during emergencies



The Health Center Program is authorized under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act.

*Pictured above is the Casper, WY site of Community Health Center of Central Wyoming

Record Number of Patients Served

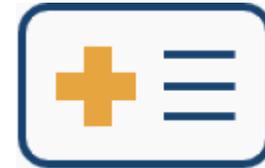
Health centers provided affordable, accessible, high quality preventive and primary health care to **32.4 million** patients across the country, an increase of **1.1 million** patients since 2023, including:



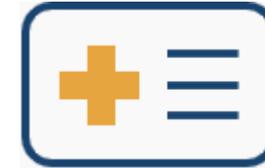
90%
of patients
at or below
200% of the
federal poverty
level



1 in 5
people living
in rural
communities



3.6M
Medicare
patients



5.9M
uninsured
patients



1 in 15
patients 65 or
older



408K
veterans



1 in 8
children

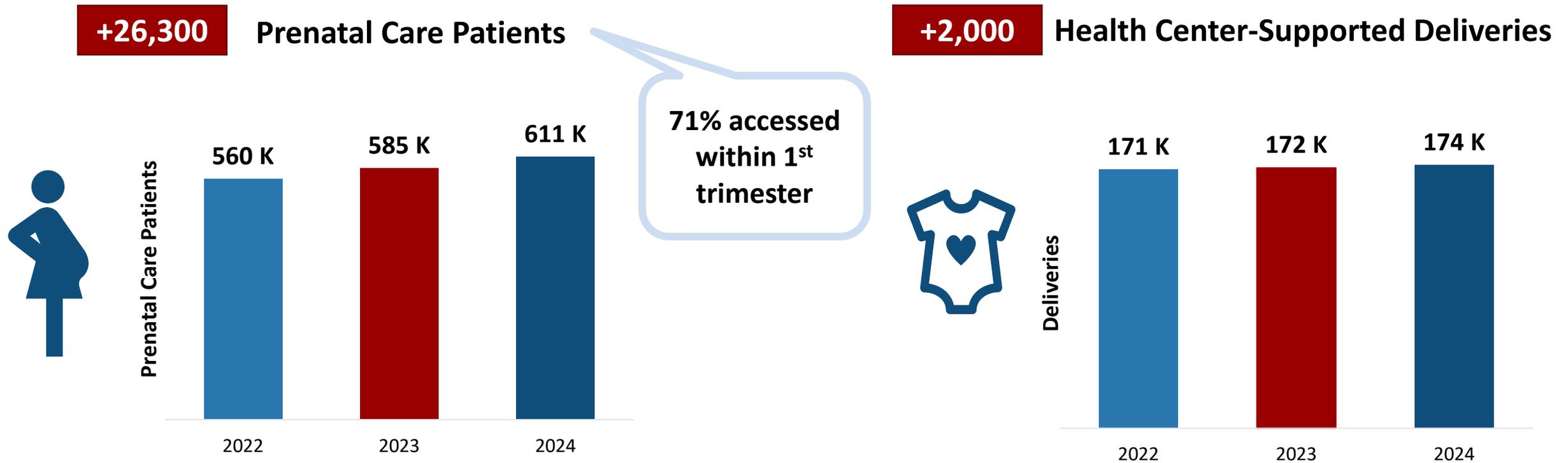


15.6M
Medicaid
patients



Source: Uniform Data System, 2024 – Table 3A, Table 3B, and Table 4

Supporting Maternal Health Needs



Source: Uniform Data System, 2020-2022 - Table 6B, Table 7



Quality Improvement Fund (QIF): Overview

Activate and accelerate innovative high-value models of care delivery



Investment in pilot projects

Tailored training and technical assistance

Collect and evaluate data to identify best

Scale findings across the Health Center Program



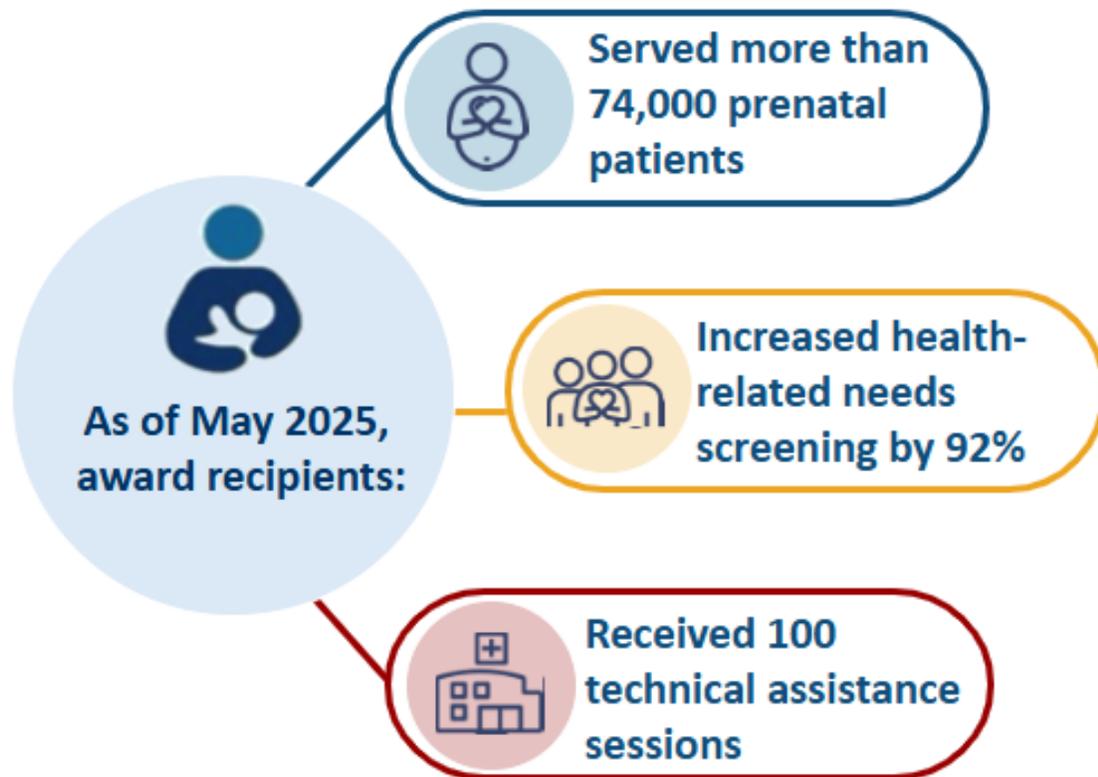
QIF-Maternal Health (MH)

Objective: Improve maternal health outcomes

36
Award Recipients

2-Year Grant
June 2023-May 2025

\$65M+
Investment



QIF-MH Impact in Maternal Health

- ✓ More than 80% of patients received timely postpartum care, an increase of 10% since the beginning of the project period.
- ✓ Award recipients improved patient rates of high blood pressure control (80%) and A1c control (nearly 90%) during the project.
- ✓ Building on a QIF-MH award recipient's success addressing low birthweight, the Mississippi Department of Health seeks to adopt its MH Workforce program statewide.

Questions?



Thank You!

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