

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)



What is an FQHC?

FQHCs are federally-funded, community-based providers that care for medically underserved areas and populations. FQHCs provide a variety of services in one location in order to meet the needs of the communities that they are part of.

Services

- Primary, dental, behavioral healthcare
- Podiatry
- Nutrition/Food Cupboards
- Home visiting nurse services
- Medicare Part B covered drugs
- Outpatient diabetes management

Benefits

Accessibility - care provided to all patients regardless of ability to pay or insurance status

Affordability - sliding scale fees used; patients pay based on their income

Community leadership - governed by a board of directors that is largely made up of patients

Equity - services are designed to meet the unique needs and experiences of patients

FQHC Settings

- Community health centers
- Migrant health centers
- Health centers for the homeless
- Public housing health centers
- Health facilities run by tribal organizations



FQHC Locations in Maine

Lewiston	Cornish
Caribou	Eagle Lake
Princeton	Portland
Harrington	Lincoln
Bucksport	Sanford
Lubec	Waterville
Patten	Porter
Vinalhaven	Leeds
Newport	Bangor
Augusta	Eastport
Belfast	Jackman
Brewer	Old Town

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