The Value and Impact of Bluestem Health

Health centers provide tremendous value and impact to the communities they serve, including JOBS and ECONOMIC STIMULUS, SAVINGS to Medicaid, and ACCESS to care for vulnerable populations.

This report highlights Bluestem Health’s 2018 contributions and savings.

SAVINGS TO THE SYSTEM

- 24% LOWER COSTS FOR HEALTH CENTER MEDICAID PATIENTS

$9 Million SAVINGS TO THE OVERALL HEALTH SYSTEM

$22 Million SAVINGS TO THE MEDICAID SYSTEM

$19.2 Million TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT of current operations

$10.5 Million DIRECT HEALTH CENTER SPENDING

$8.7 Million COMMUNITY SPENDING

$2.7 Million STATE & LOCAL TAX REVENUES

$0.7 Million FEDERAL TAX REVENUES

ECONOMIC STIMULUS

166 TOTAL JOBS

104 HEALTH CENTER JOBS

62 OTHER JOBS in the community

CARE FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

14,225 PATIENTS SERVED

97.0% of patients are LOW INCOME

3,889 of patients are CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS

41,914 PATIENT VISITS

52.1% 4-YEAR PATIENT GROWTH

41.1% of patients identify as an ETHNIC OR RACIAL MINORITY

0.9% of patients are VETERANS

0.8% of patients are AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

8.8% of patients are HOMELESS

Capital Link prepared this Value & Impact report using 2018 health center audited financial statements and Uniform Data System information. Economic impact was measured using 2017 IMPLAN Online.

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REFERENCES AND DATA SOURCES


- Care for Vulnerable Populations: Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS, 2017 Uniform Data System.

- Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) of 1.0 is equivalent to one full-time employee. In an organization that has a 40-hour work week, an employee who works 20 hours per week (i.e., 50 percent of full time) is reported as “0.5 FTE.” FTE is also based on the number of months the employee works. An employee who works full time for four months out of the year would be reported as “0.33 FTE” (4 months/12 months).

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