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CHPA Celebrates National Health Center Week 2024

Denver, CO - **Community Health Provider Alliance (CHPA)** is proud to celebrate [National Health Center Week \(NHCW\) 2024](#), taking place August 4-10. This annual event highlights the essential role Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), also known as Community Health Centers (CHCs), play in improving public health and advancing health equity. CHCs represent the nation's largest primary care network, serving 31.5 million patients nationwide.

This year's NHCW celebration, launched by the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), focuses on 'Powering Communities Through Caring Connections' with a host of scheduled events, including resource fairs, back-to-school drives, health screenings, and visits to CHCs by local, state, and national leaders. To find a health center in your county, view the [Colorado CHC map](#) and visit your local CHCs website to learn more about NHCW events taking place during the week of August 4-10, 2024.

With a mission to make high-quality, affordable care available to everyone regardless of their ability to pay or insurance status, CHCs save lives on the front lines of our nation's most pressing public health challenges. They are powered by a workforce of dedicated professionals who reach beyond the walls of the exam room to not only prevent illness but also address the social drivers that may cause it -- climate change, homelessness, substance use disorders, food insecurity, and behavioral health.

As the nonprofit Accountable Care Organization (ACO) for Colorado CHCs, CHPA helps power communities through caring connections with its mission of improving the quality and cost of care for the people their members serve. They do this by helping their member CHCs enter various value-based care contracts, setting quality goals to maximize performance, and reinvesting the additional revenue into their systems. CHPA's member CHCs provide a healthcare home to over 857,000 Coloradans, operating approximately 250 community, migrant, homeless, indigenous, and school-based clinic sites across rural and urban Colorado. By overcoming barriers such as cost, lack of insurance, distance, and language, CHPA's members ensure critical primary care access for their patients.

"The CHC movement is made up of organizations and partners deeply committed to making the healthcare delivery system work better for more people. At CHPA, we are happy to empower our member CHCs with enhanced resources, enabling them to more effectively care for their patients and the communities they are an integral part of," said Brandi Apodaca, Chief Operating Officer of CHPA.

Colorado CHCs serve one in seven Coloradans and are an important part of the state's healthcare system. They promote wellness, prevent and treat illness, help patients and communities respond to infectious diseases, and integrate medical, dental, and behavioral healthcare. Colorado CHCs provided almost 2.8 million clinic and virtual visits in 2023. This includes:

- Operating 247 clinic sites in 47 Colorado counties and caring for patients living in 63 counties.
- Offering dental services at 128 sites in 41 counties, serving 165,000 patients.

- Providing behavioral health at 201 clinics in 42 counties, providing behavioral health and substance use disorder (SUD) services to 105,000 patients.

To learn more about CHPA and its members, visit www.chpanetwork.com. To learn more about the mission and accomplishments of CHCs nationally, visit <http://www.nachc.org/>. You can learn more about NHCW and view a listing of events at www.healthcenterweek.org. #NHCW24 #ValueCHCs #CoCHCs

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About Community Health Provider Alliance (CHPA)

[Community Health Provider Alliance \(CHPA\)](#) is a nonprofit Accountable Care Organization (ACO) leading the transition to value-based care. CHPA was formed in 2014 around a statewide integrated network of Colorado Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), also known as Community Health Centers (CHCs), that offer integrated primary care services to patients regardless of their ability to pay. Since 2014, CHPA has decreased overall healthcare costs, providing the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services with \$52 million in total savings from 2019-2022, and increasing patient satisfaction for its population. The integrated network of 20 CHCs and one Urban Indian Health Program participate in various payer-specific quality improvement projects in Medicare, Medicaid, and Commercial contracts.

Members of CHPA must agree to work as an ACO focused on adopting and implementing best practices to improve the health and wellbeing of CHPA's patients. Members agree to adopt and adhere to evidence-based clinical guidelines and actively participate in activities and initiatives to improve the quality, efficiency, and coordination of patient care, including:

- Participating in clinical education, care coordination activities, and regular clinical and quality improvement meetings.
- Reviewing CHC performance data and demonstrating improvements and progress toward CHPA goals.
- Implementing population health management strategies, including the use of health information technology to improve systems, care coordination, population management, and risk adjustment.
- Adhering to clinical guidelines as demonstrated by performance on nationally endorsed measures and defined performance targets.

CHPA works closely with [Colorado Community Managed Care Network \(CCMCN\)](#), who provides advanced data and analytics to increase access to care and reduce health care disparities. CHPA also collaborates with Colorado's Primary Care Association, [Colorado Community Health Network \(CCHN\)](#), who advocates for the unique needs of CHCs and their patients.

References:

- National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) - [National Health Center Week Website](#)
- Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) - [CCHN 2024 Brochure](#)