



Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

Ohio has 41 FQHCs and FQHC Look-Alikes (with about 180 clinical sites) that will receive general revenue fund (GRF) subsidy payments from the Ohio Department of Health in Fiscal Year 2013. Eliminating GRF subsidy funding for FQHCs in the FY14-15 budget will allow ODH to support other higher priority initiatives, such as tobacco cessation and reducing Ohio's infant mortality.

For Federal Fiscal Year 2011, Ohio FQHCs (and Look-Alikes) received \$253,335,881 in total revenue; **77% was federal**:

- Enhanced Medicaid Support - \$83,619,971
- Enhanced Medicare Support - \$16,849,344
- FQHC Base Grants - \$57,508,275 (Look-Alikes not eligible)
- ACA/ARRA Grants - \$27,992,041
- Other Federal Grants - \$2,175,235
- Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Payments for Eligible Providers - \$6,092,622

It should also be noted that if the state chooses to expand Medicaid to individuals between the ages of 19 up to 65 (parents, and adults without dependent children) with incomes up to 138% FPL based on modified adjusted gross income, then FQHCs and FQHC Look-Alikes will see a large increase in revenue since about 35% of their clientele is currently uninsured.

More than ¾ of FQHC's budgets are from federal sources. State subsidy makes up a very small portion of the total budget for Ohio's FQHCs.

What Are FQHCs?

A Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) were originally meant to provide comprehensive health services to the medically underserved to reduce the patient load on hospital emergency rooms. Their mission has changed since their founding. Their mission now is to enhance primary care services in underserved urban and rural communities. In particular, they serve underserved, underinsured, and uninsured Americans.

There are also "FQHC Look-Alikes" that meet the definition, are eligible for the Public Health Service Act grant, but do not receive federal grant funding.

