

Key Definitions

FQHCs are community-based providers, funded in part by the federal government to offer comprehensive primary care - preventive, dental and behavioral health - in underserved areas. They are required to see all patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

Charity Clinics are often run by nonprofits or volunteers, provide free or low-cost healthcare to uninsured or low-income individuals who do not qualify for government assistance. These clinics focus on basic health services, preventive care and sometimes specialty care, relying on donations or volunteers for operations.

Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs) are government-designated agencies that provide behavioral health services within a specific region. They offer counseling, crisis intervention, and rehabilitation services, often prioritizing care for low-income and underserved populations.

Other Clinics are a category specific to this PCCA. They exist in Central Texas to provide specific health services or to serve a particular population. There were four Other Clinics included in this study.