Analyses of AAPCHO Community Health Centers

Since 1987, the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO), a national, not-for-profit organization has represented community health centers (CHCs) that provide quality, comprehensive health services that are financially affordable, linguistically accessible, and culturally appropriate for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders (AA&NHOPIs). AAPCHO’s 27 community-based organizations promote advocacy, collaboration, and leadership that improve health status and access for medically underserved AA&NHOPIs.

AAPCHO member CHCs provide services that are uniquely appropriate to their patient populations, including:

- Culturally and linguistically appropriate health care services.
- Comprehensive primary medical care including internal medicine, prenatal care, pediatric, nutrition, nursing, pharmaceutical, optometry, dentistry, and enabling services (ES).
- Services in numerous languages and dialects including Cantonese, Hawaiian, Ilocano, Korean, Mandarin, Samoan, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

AAPCHO FQHCs, 2000-2008
AAPCHO’s membership includes federally qualified health centers (FQHC), FQHC look-alikes, and other community health organizations. This fact sheet examines only FQHCs who report data to the Bureau of Primary Health Care Uniform Data Systems.

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Total AAPCHO Patients, 2000-2008
The total number of patients served increased 142% between 2000 and 2008. AAPCHO’s average number of patients per site increased 45% in the same period.

Average AAPCHO Member Demographics, 2008
In 2008, AAPCHO served almost 350,000 patients at federally qualified health centers. AA&NHOPI patients accounted for 64% of those served.

Total AAPCHO AA&NHOPI Patients, 2000-2008
The number of AA&NHOPI patients served increased 109% between 2000 and 2008.
Limited English Proficient (LEP) Patients, 2000-2008

In 2008, more than half of AAPCHO member CHCs patients were best served in a language other than English; individual AAPCHO members served as high as 99% LEP patients. The number of LEP patients served increased 134% between 2000 and 2008.

Source: BPHC UDS, 2000-2008

Uninsured Patients, 2000-2008

The number of uninsured AAPCHO patients increased 145% between 2000 and 2008. However, the percentage of uninsured patients has remained steady at about 40%.

Source: BPHC UDS, 2000-2008

How AAPCHO Centers Compare Nationally

AAPCHO member CHCs patient demographics and services differ from the average national health center. For example, AAPCHO serves a:

- Higher proportion of patients best served in a language other than English.
- Higher proportion of visits per year for asthma, diabetes, hypertension, mental disorder, and otitis media.
- Higher proportion of Medicaid patients.
- Higher proportion of geriatric patients (age 65+).
- Higher proportion of patients with incomes 100% and below the Federal Poverty Level.
- Greater number of enabling services encounters.

Summary of AAPCHO Demographics for 2008

AAPCHO’s members are geographically located across the country in eight states and one freely associated state. Our 20-member FQHCs serve a unique subset of our nation’s population.

- 344,543 total patients served
- 72% racial/ethnic minorities, including 172,608 Asians, 23,775 Native Hawaiians, and 27,499 other Pacific Islanders
- 51% patients best served in a language other than English (177,042)
- 59% patients with incomes at or below 100% Federal Poverty Level (204,858)
- 34% uninsured patients (117,919)
- 40% Medicaid patients (139,279)