

An aerial photograph of a coastal town, likely in Hawaii, featuring a prominent mountain in the background and a large building complex in the foreground. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent diamond-patterned grid and a pink rose graphic on the left side.

# ***“Community Health Centers’ Role in Shaping Health Care Payment Reform”***

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*“1% of Americans accounted for 22% of health care costs in 2009 while 5% accounted for 50% of health care costs”*

*Cohen, S et al. AHRQ. January 2012*



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*“Community Health Centers have demonstrated their ability to deliver affordable, comprehensive, coordinated, patient-centered care in facilities physically proximate to the patients who need it.”*

*Starfield B et al. Contribution of Primary Care to Health Systems and Health - 2005*



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# ***Our value is in providing comprehensive, integrated medical care to our patients***

- Highly complex patients receive fragmented medical care at best. They are in and out of emergency rooms and hospitals.
- CHC's are the ideal Patient-Centered Health Care Home because of the integrated services they provide.
- A core group of well trained providers is essential.
- They must be incentivized to closely follow and provide medical care to complex medical patients.



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*“The tasks that a primary care physician must accomplish are far more complex and time consuming than they were a decade ago.”*

*Grumbach K, Bodenheimer T. JAMA 2002; 288: 889-93*



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*“It has been estimated that it would take a physician 7.5 hours per working day to provide all recommended preventive services to a typical patient panel, plus 10.6 hours per day to provide high-quality long-term care.”*

*Bodenheimer T. NEJM 2008; 358: 1064-1071*



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# ***Definition of the Complex Patient***

- ***Complex Patient:*** One chronic disease diagnosis (e.g. diabetes, cardiovascular disease, asthma, obesity) plus one behavioral health diagnosis (e.g. depression, chronic pain, substance abuse) plus one low socioeconomic measure (e.g. homelessness, extreme poverty).
- ***Very Complex Patient:*** Two chronic disease diagnoses (as above) plus one behavioral health diagnosis (as above) or one low socioeconomic measure (as above).
- ***Most Complex Patient:*** Two chronic disease diagnoses plus one behavioral health diagnosis plus one low socioeconomic measure.

