



Vermont Primary Care Sourcebook

Bi-State Primary Care Association

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Your source for
information on
Federally Qualified
Health Centers and
primary care.



Bi-State's 82 Member Sites by County

Addison County

- The Open Door Clinic (V)
- Middlebury Health Center (P)
- Mountain Health Center
- Mountain Health Center Annex

Bennington County

- Bennington Free Health Clinic (V)
- Bennington Health Center (P)
- Battenkill Valley Health Center

Caledonia County

- Northern Counties Health Care
 - Danville Health Center
 - Hardwick Area Health Center
 - Northern Counties Dental Center*
 - St. Johnsbury Community Health Center
- St. Johnsbury Health Center (P)

Chittenden County

- Community Health Centers of Burlington
 - Riverside Health Center*
 - Safe Harbor Health Center*
 - Pearl Street Youth Health Center
 - H.O. Wheeler School (school-based)*
- Health Assistance Program at Fletcher Allen Health Care (V)
- Burlington Health Center (P)
- Williston Health Center (P)

Essex County

- Northern Counties Health Care
 - Concord Health Center
 - Island Pond Health and Dental Center*

Franklin County

- Northern Tier Center for Health
 - Enosburg Health Center
 - NCSS Health Center
 - Richford Health Center
 - Richford Dental Clinic*
 - St. Albans Health Center
 - Swanton Health Center
 - NoTCH Dental Clinic*
- St. Albans Health Center (P)

Grand Isle County

- Northern Tier Center for Health
 - Alburg Health Center
- Community Health Centers of Burlington
 - Keeler Bay Health Center

Lamoille County

- Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley
 - Morrisville Family Health Care
 - Behavioral Health & Wellness Center
 - Stowe Family Practice
 - Community Dental Clinic*
 - Appleseed Pediatrics
- Hyde Park Health Center (P)

Orange County

- Gifford Health Care
 - Chelsea Health Center
 - Gifford Primary Care
- Little Rivers Health Care
 - LRHC at Bradford
 - LRHC at Wells River
 - LRHC at East Corinth
 - Clara Martin Center
 - Valley Vista
- Health Connections at Gifford Medical Center (V)

Orleans County

- North Country Health Systems
 - Community Medical Associates
 - Family Practice of Newport
 - North Country OB/GYN Services
 - The Barton Clinic
 - Orleans Medical Clinic
- Newport Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine
- Newport Health Center (P)

Rutland County

- Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region
 - Brandon Medical Center
 - Castleton Family Health Center
 - CHCRR Pediatrics
 - Mettowee Valley Health Center
 - Rutland Community Health Center
 - Shorewell Community Health Center
 - Community Dental Clinic*
- Rutland Free Clinic* (V)
- Rutland Health Center (P)

Washington

- The Health Center
 - The Health Center Main Site*
 - Cabot Health Services (school-based)
 - Ronald McDonald Dental Care Mobile*
- Gifford Health Care
 - Gifford Health Center at Berlin
- People's Health & Wellness Clinic (V)
- Barre Health Center (P)

Windham

- Putney Walk-In Clinic (V)
- Brattleboro Health Center (P)
- Springfield Medical Care Systems
 - Rockingham Medical Group

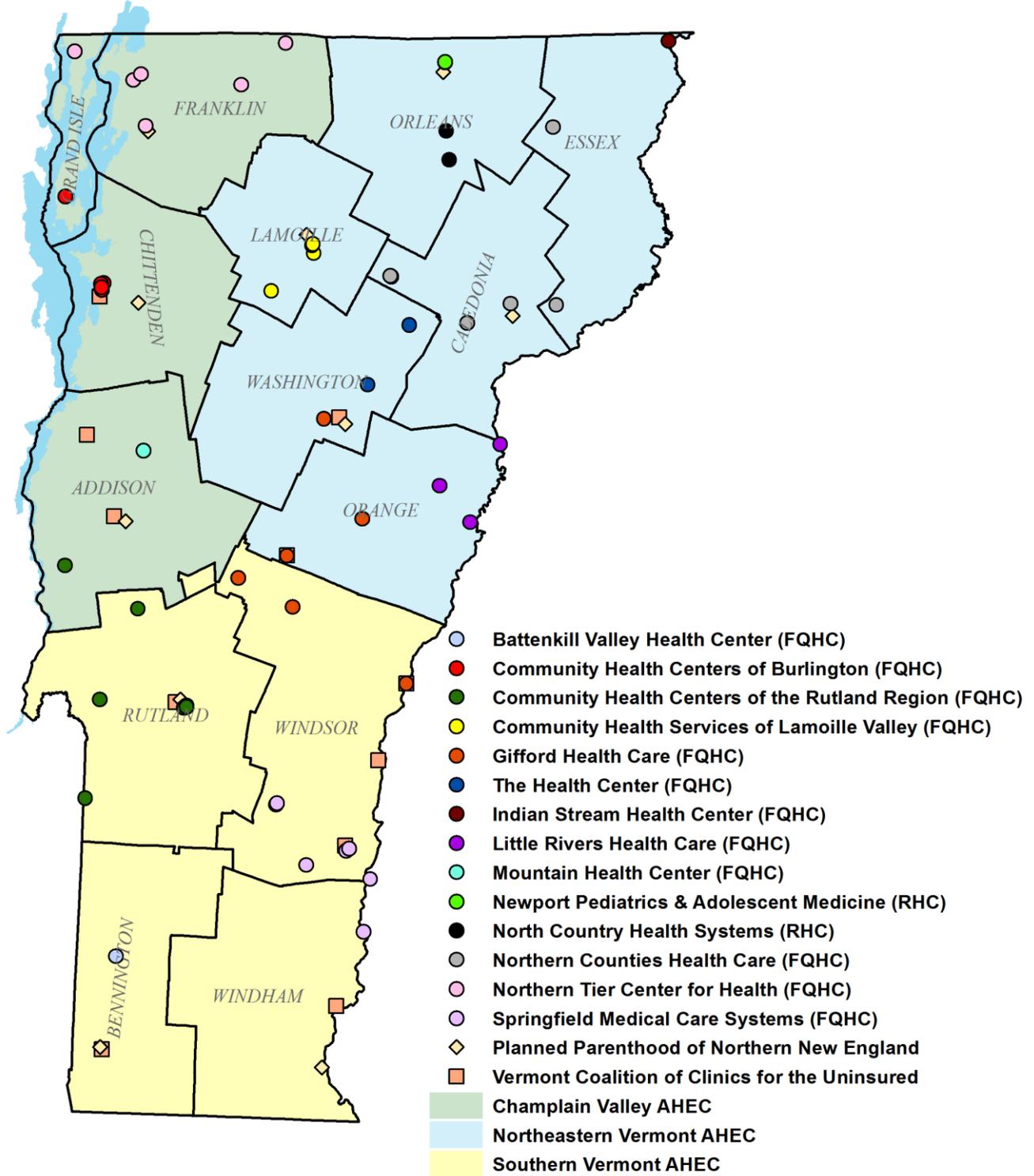
Windsor

- Springfield Medical Care Systems
 - Chester Family Medicine
 - The Ludlow Health Center
 - The Ludlow Dental Center*
 - Springfield Health Center
 - The Women's Health Center of Springfield
- Gifford Health Care
 - Bethel Health Center
 - Rochester Health Center
 - Twin River Health Center
- Good Neighbor Health Clinic and Red Logan Dental Clinic* (V)
- Valley Health Connections (V)
- Windsor Community Clinic (V)

Sullivan County, NH

- Springfield Medical Care Systems
 - Charlestown Family Medicine (NH)

Bi-State Primary Care Association Membership Map

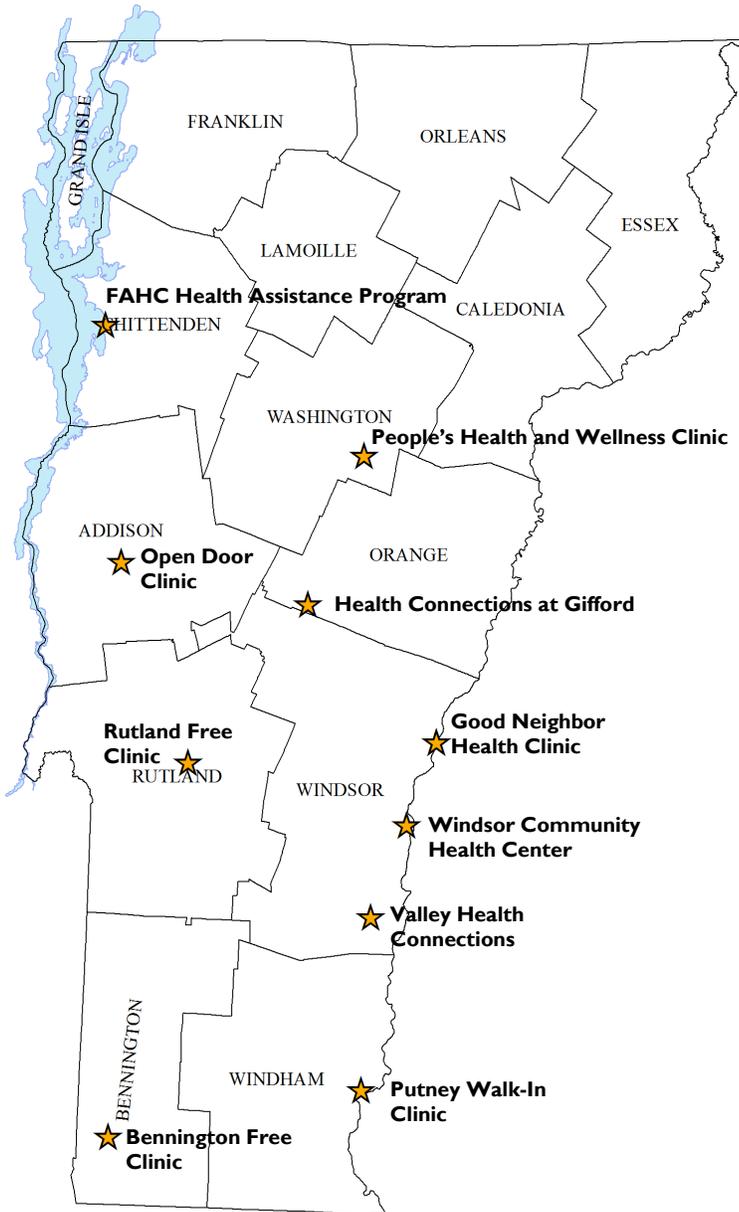


Please note some sites overlap due to similar street addresses. Additionally, one SMCS practice is located in Charlestown, NH.

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The Vermont Coalition of Clinics for the Uninsured Locations



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Windsor Community Health Clinic

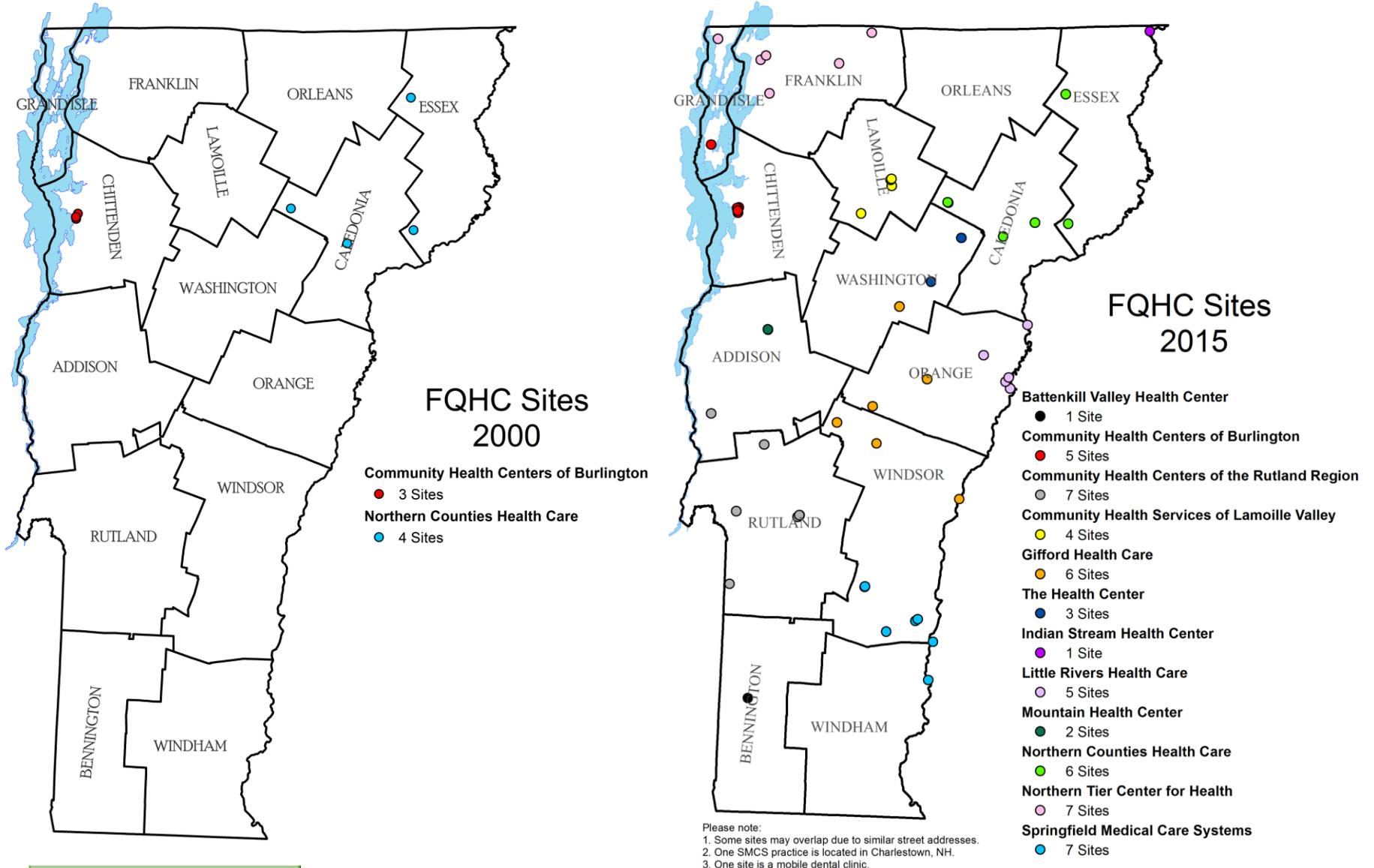
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Vermont Federally Qualified Health Centers Growth since 2000

“The goal shall be to ensure there are FQHC[s] . . . in each county in Vermont.” ~Act 71 of 2005, Section 277(f).

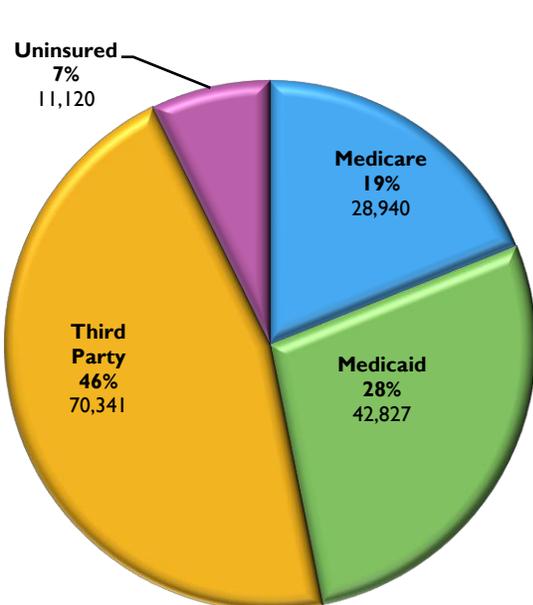


Federally Qualified Health Centers Provided Primary Care to 153,000+ Vermonters in 2013

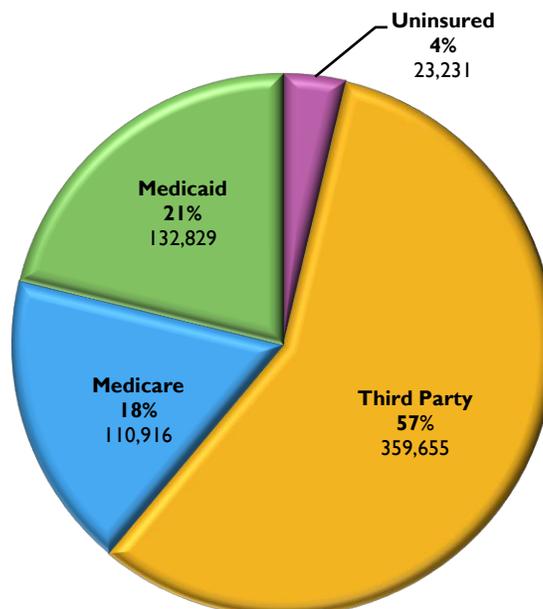
Vermont's 11 FQHCs saw **153,280** individual patients in 2013. Collectively, those patients made **618,041** visits to the FQHCs.¹

From 2011 through 2013, Vermont FQHCs served as a medical home for more than **196,000** Vermonters.²

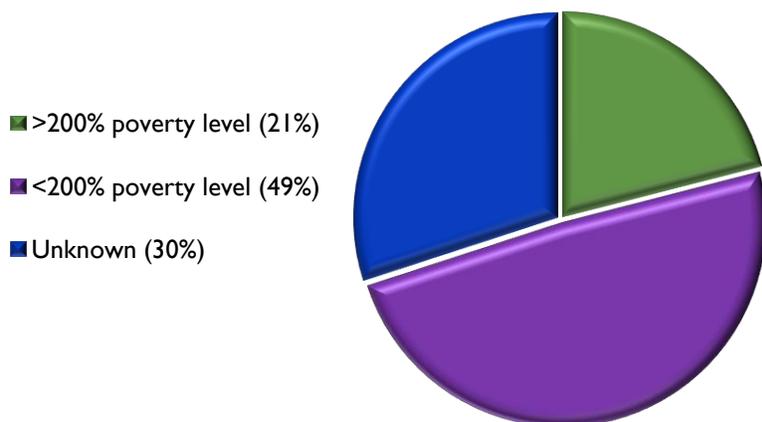
FQHC Patients by Payer in 2013



Types of Health Insurance in Vermont 2014³



Poverty Level Status of FQHC Patients⁴



The incentive to report FPL status is to access the sliding fee scale. Patients who do not report likely have full coverage through Medicaid, or high enough FPL they would not qualify for assistance.

Patients at <200% poverty level represent 30%-69% of patient mix across FQHCs. FQHCs at the lower end of this range are sole (or nearly sole) community providers.

¹ Data is self-reported by FQHC.

² Bi-State extrapolation based on self-reported data.

³ Data Source: 2014 Vermont Household Health Insurance Survey

⁴ FPL data includes 7 of 8 FQHCs active in 2013

What is the FQHC Sliding Fee Scale?

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) that receive Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funding **must provide patients access to services without regard for their patient's ability to pay.**

FQHCs must develop a schedule of fees or payments (often called a **sliding fee scale**) for the services they provide to ensure that the cost of services not covered by insurance are discounted on the basis of the patient's ability to pay, for incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Ability to pay is determined by a patient's annual income and family size according to the most recent U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Federal Poverty Guidelines.

SAMPLE Vermont FQHC Sliding Fee Scale ¹						
Annual Family Income Range						
Household Size	Below 100% FPL	101 – 125% FPL	126 – 150% FPL	151 – 175% FPL	176 – 200% FPL	Over 200% FPL
Discount Applied	\$20 flat fee	80% discount	60% discount	40% discount	20% discount	0% discount
1	Under \$11,670	\$11,671 – 14,588	\$14,589 – 17,505	\$17,506 – 20,423	\$20,424 – 23,340	Over \$23,341
2	Under \$15,730	\$15,731 – 119,663	\$19,664 – 23,595	\$23,596 – 27,528	\$27,529 – 31,460	Over \$31,461
3	Under \$19,790	\$19,791 – 24,738	\$24,739 – 29,685	\$29,686 – 34,633	\$34,634 – 39,581	Over \$39,581
4	Under \$23,850	\$23,851 – 29,813	\$29,814 – 35,775	\$35,776 – 41,738	\$41,739 – 47,700	Over \$47,700
5	Under \$27,910	\$27,911 – 34,888	\$34,889 – 41,865	\$41,866 – 48,843	\$48,844 – 55,820	Over \$55,820
6	Under \$31,970	\$31,971 – 39,963	\$39,964 – 47,955	\$47,956 – 55,948	\$55,949 – 63,940	Over \$63,940
7	Under \$36,030	\$36,031 – 45,038	\$45,039 – 54,045	\$54,046 – 63,053	\$63,054 – 72,060	Over \$72,060
8	Under \$40,090	\$40,091 – 50,113	\$50,114 – 60,135	\$60,136 – 70,158	\$70,159 – 80,180	Over \$80,180
Additional people	Add \$4,060 per person	Add \$5,075 per person	Add \$6,090 per person	Add \$7,105 per person	Add \$8,120 per person	Add \$9,135 per person

Each FQHC's sliding fee scale is different and the "slide" must be based on prevailing rates in the local community and approved by the FQHC board. Information that this discount is available should be posted in a prominent location.

Vermont FQHC discounts exceeded \$3 million in 2013.²

To ensure that federal funding targets those who most need services, FQHCs have systems in place to maximize collection and reimbursement for the costs of providing health services.

Vermont FQHCs wrote off \$2,353,737 in bad debt in 2013.

¹ Sliding Fee Scale. Health Resources and Services Administration, <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/downloads/discountfeeschedule.pdf>, accessed 12/22/2014.

² Bi-State Primary Care Association FQHC Financial Analysis, July 2014. Data is for 8 of the 11 Vermont FQHCs.