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Community Health Centers – the Value Opportunity

House HSS Hearing
January 9, 2020
3:00-5:00 pm



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We Believe:

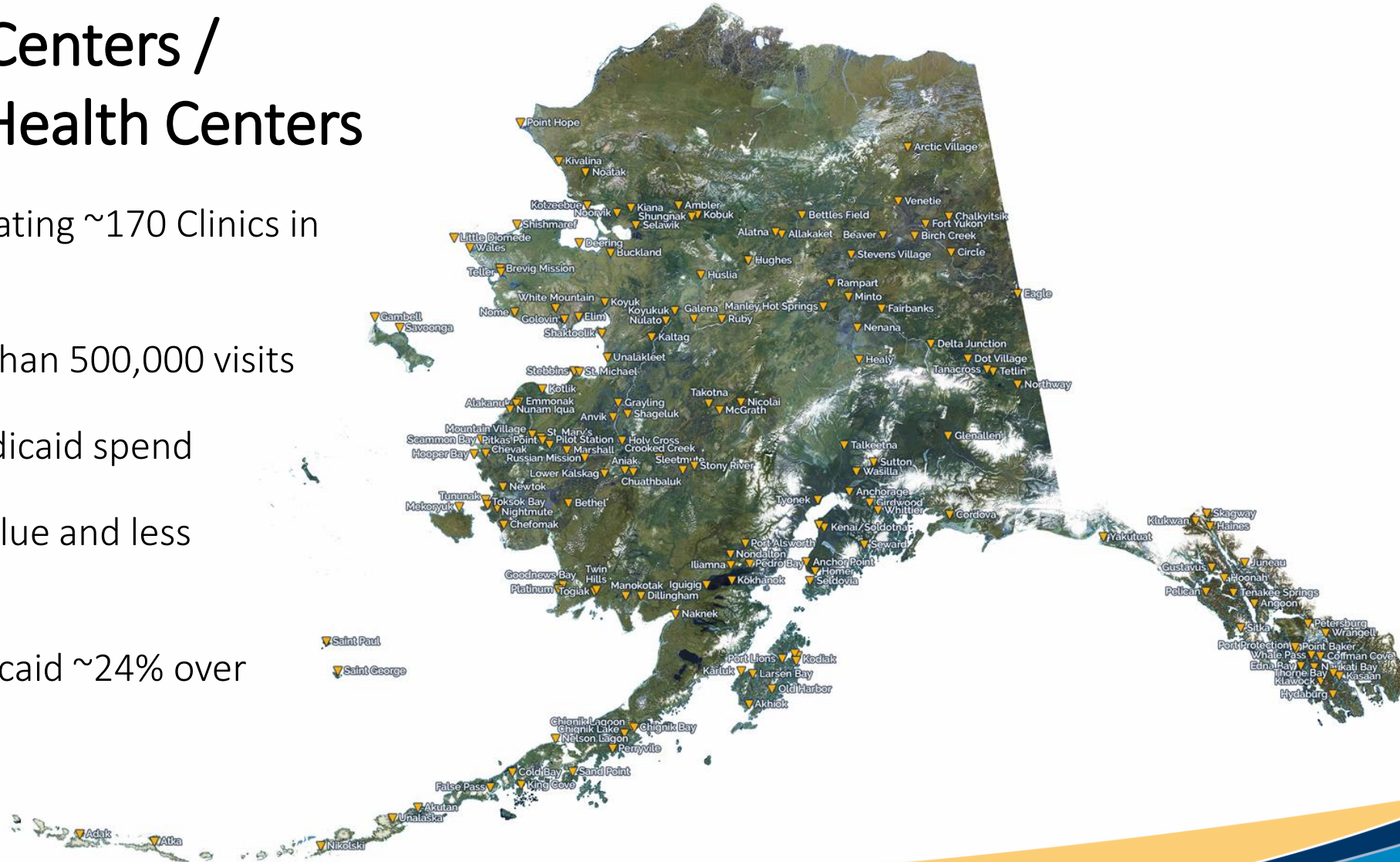
- Primary care is key to healthcare savings and value
- Primary care seeks more opportunities to integrate with other care providers
- Primary care needs more flexible payment structures
- Primary care should be comprehensive and integrated

We also Believe:

- SB 74 was a step in the right direction

Community Health Centers / Federally Qualified Health Centers

- 27 CHC Organizations operating ~170 Clinics in Alaska
- 113,000 Alaskans in more than 500,000 visits
- Less than \$100 Million Medicaid spend
- CHCs provide more high-value and less low-value care
- Nationally, CHCs save Medicaid ~24% over care in non-CHC settings



SB 74 and Primary Care Missed Opportunities?



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- ❑ SB 74 had 16 Major Medicaid Redesign Initiatives
 - Few had direct opportunities for primary care:
 - Coordinated Care Demonstration Projects
 - Section 2703/1945 Health Homes
- ❑ Challenges of the Time:
 - \$3-4 Billion budget deficit
 - No State Dollars were put toward significant system reform
 - A need for short-term savings

These concerns continue to burden us today.

A large, ancient tree with thick, gnarled roots and dense green foliage stands in a grassy field under a cloudy sky. The tree's roots are exposed and spread out across the ground. The background shows a line of trees on the horizon under a bright, slightly hazy sky.

Someone is sitting in the shade
today because someone planted a
tree a long time ago.

Warren Buffett



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Our investments and priorities align with SB74 Goals:

- CHC Data analytics and population health platform (\$1.5 Million)
 - Health information
 - Disease Prevention & Wellness (risk stratification, referral tracking, visit planning)
 - Quality Measures
- Proposal: The Alaska Health Home Pilot
 - Coordinated Care Demonstration proposal
 - 1945 Waiver = Health Home
 - Redesigning the Payment Process
- Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH)
 - 18 of 27 CHCs recognized
 - Team-Based integrated care

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CHCs continue to be the best deal in healthcare.

Future:

- **We're Investing in the exploration of:**
 - A Clinically Integrated Network and
 - Value-Based Pay
- **We're seeking:**
 - Reimbursement for Coordinated Care
 - An expanded list of reimbursable Provider Types that would enhance integrated services
- **We value:**
 - Transparency in Administrative and Legislative Changes
 - Inclusion of stakeholder voices and perspectives



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