How Effective Are FQHCs?

National Data

Operating Expenses / Patient

Blood Pressure Control (Hypertensive Patients with Blood Pressure < 140/90)

Diabetes Control (Diabetic Patients with HbA1c <= 9%)

Low Birth Weight

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013
One Massachusetts program tracked 766 chronically homeless individuals in supportive housing.

In the six months prior to housing, participants accumulated:

- 1,812 emergency department visits
- 3,163 overnight hospital stays
- 847 ambulance rides
- 2,494 detox stays

For an estimated total cost per person for measured services:

- Medicaid $26,124
- Shelter $5,723
- Incarceration $1,343

= $33,190 per year

After one year in the program, these same costs came to: $8,603

Housing and services through the HHG program: $15,468 per tenant

= $24,071 per year

Net savings = $9,119 per person