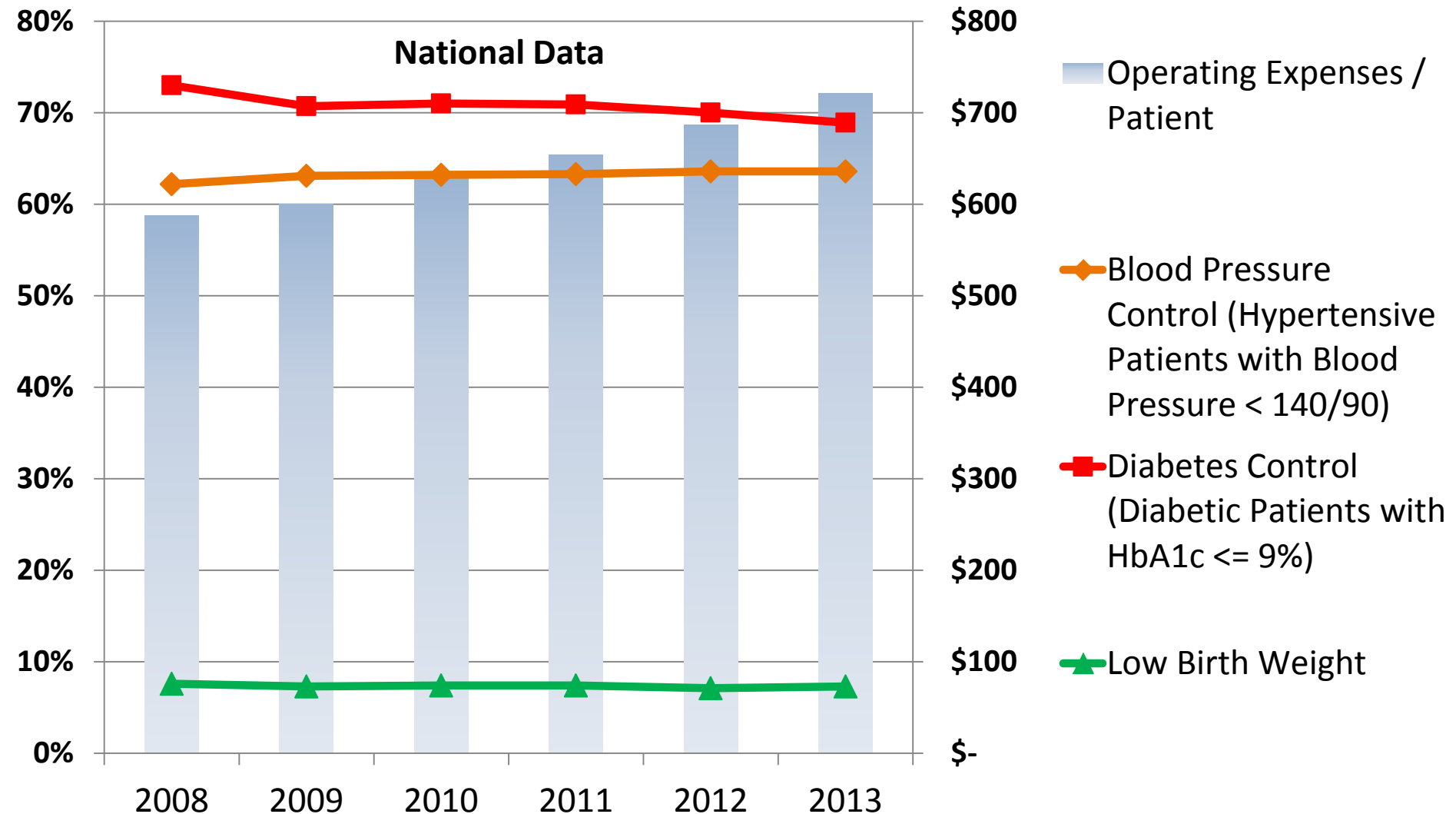


How Effective Are FQHCs?



Health involves so much more than primary care....

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