



WASHINGTON COUNTY
MOBILE INTEGRATED
HEALTHCARE NETWORK

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Mobile Integrated Healthcare

DIVERSE | INCLUSIVE | WHOLE PERSON CARE



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EMS 101 | Part 1



**WE ARE EMT'S, NURSES &
PARAMEDICS**



**WE ARE NOT CONSIDERED
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS BY
CMS**



**WE ARE A SERVICE PROVIDER
OF TRANSPORTATION, AND
HOUSED UNDER DOT**

EMS 101 | Part 2



**We provide healthcare,
every day, outside of
brick and mortar**



**We are called “EMS”
but don’t do much
“Emergency” work**



**We provide primary
care most of the time**



**We sometimes
transport people**



MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE FROM THE 10,000 FT. VIEW

MISSION

Diverse | Inclusive | Whole Person Care

SYSTEM DESIGN

Community Paramedic / Community Health Workers serve as the bridge between the patient and the provider outside brick and mortar.

PROVIDE CARE

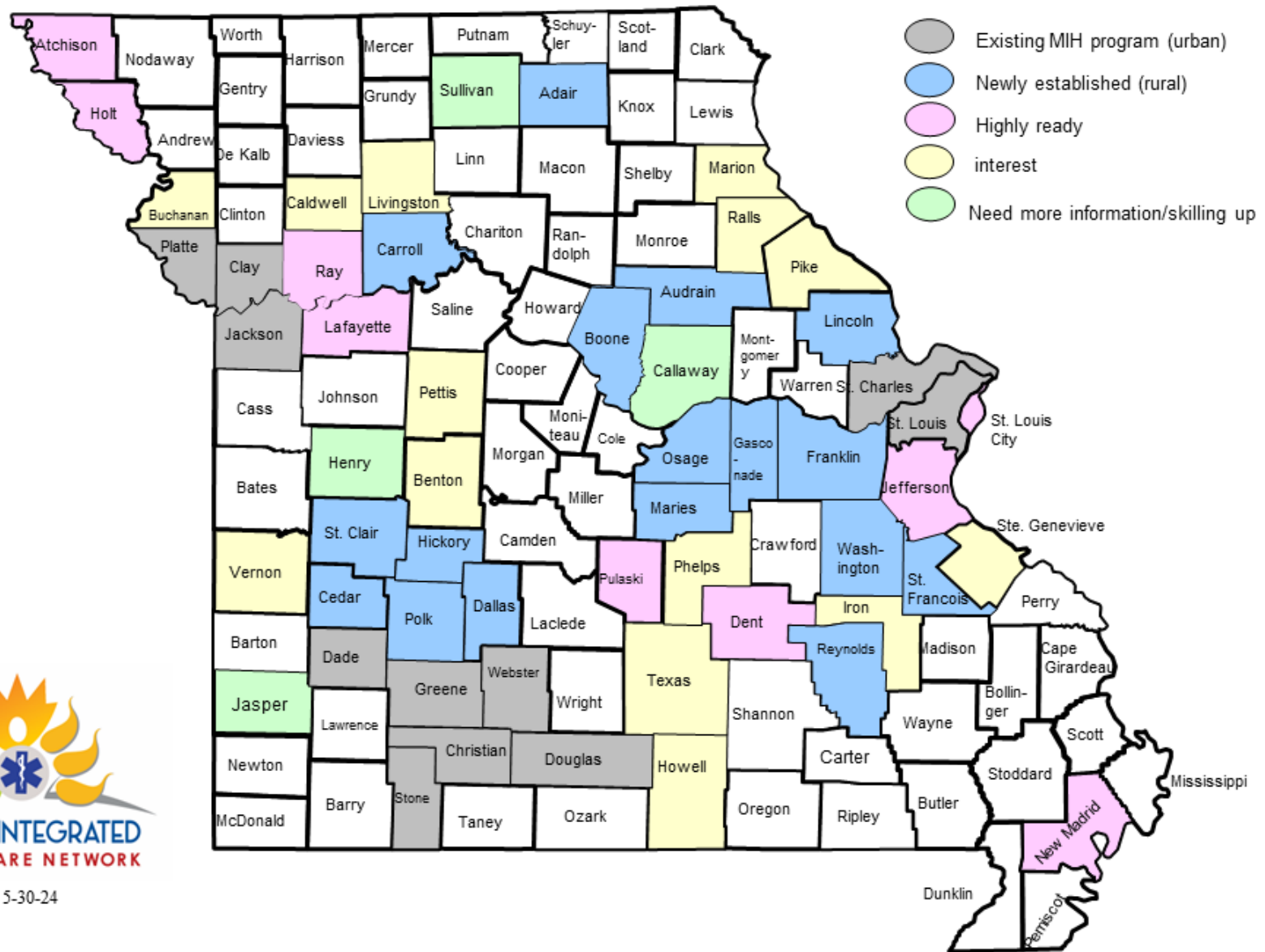
Initiate care in the home with Community Paramedics.

CORE VALUES

Right Care | Right Place | Right Time



MISSOURI MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE EXPANSION MAP



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Adair County MIH Network
 Northeast Missouri Health Council (FQHC)
 Adair County Ambulance District

River Valley MIH Network
 Community Health Center of Central Missouri (FQHC)
 Compass Health (FQHC)
 Osage Ambulance District

St. Charles County MIH Network
 Compass Health (FQHC)
 St. Charles County Ambulance District

Eastern Missouri MIH Network
 Union Ambulance District (Franklin County)
 Lincoln County Ambulance District
 St. Clair Ambulance District
 Mercy Hospital-Washington
 Mercy Hospital-Lincoln
 Compass Health Network (FQHC)

Washington MIH Network
 Great Mines Health Center (FQHC)
 Washington County Ambulance District

Missouri Highlands MIH Network
 Missouri Highlands Health Care (FQHC)
 Washington County Ambulance District

County MIH Network
 Collaborative/Live Well (FQHC)
 County Ambulance District
 County Memorial Hospital

Missouri MIH Network
 Memorial Hospital
 Memorial Hospital EMS
 County Health Center (FQHC)

EMS MIH Partnerships in Missouri

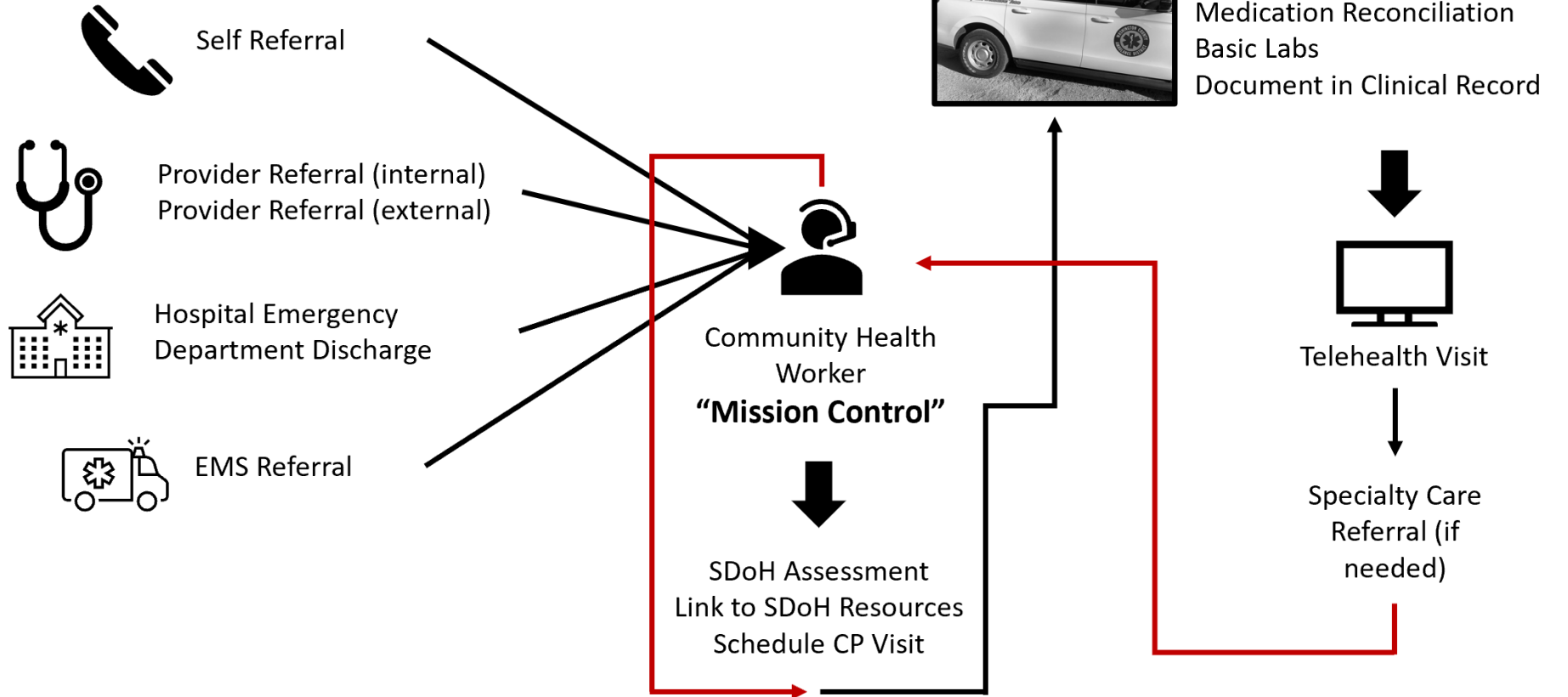
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Our Model

Goal	Goal 1 •Take the healthcare to the patient
Goal	Goal 2 •Serve as the bridge and the glue
Goal	Goal 3 •Flow based / standing order-based care
Goal	Goal 4 •Have telehealth available 100% of the time
Goal	Goal 5 •Take the “provider centric” model to a “patient centric” model of care
Goal	Goal 6 •Engage and collaborate with all provider types inside & outside of the brick and mortar setting

MIH POINT OF ENTRY



WE ARE REFERRAL AGNOSTIC & IT IS NATURAL FOR US AS AN INDUSTRY

FQHC | CAH | RHC | Large Healthcare Systems | Private Physicians | Anyone & Everyone



Mobile Integrated Healthcare
Community Paramedicine
Plain & Simple

We bring healthcare to the patient.

MIH SERVICES

- Chronic Disease Management
- Telehealth Provider Appointments
- In-Home Diagnostics
- In-Home Point of Care Testing
- In-Home Infusions
- In-Home Vaccines
- Care Gap Closure
- Lab Collection
- Wound Care
- Wellness Checks
- SDOH Assessment, Navigation and Resource Support
- In-Home Safety Assessments
- Medication Reconciliation
- Care Coordination
- Non-Emergency Transportation
- Public Health Support
- Home Health Bridge Support
- Hospice Bridge Support
- No-Call, No-Show Follow Up
- Direct Hospice Support
- Direct Health Support





HRSA PRIMARY CARE CHALLENGE 1ST PLACE 2023

The Washington County MIH Network was awarded FIRST PLACE in the HRSA nationwide competition, “Building Bridges to Better Health: A Primary Health Care Challenge.”

FQHC Perspective

Synergy with EMS

- Safety net systems
- Similar values and mission

Collaboration has been key to:

- Expanding services
- Improving quality
- Increasing purchasing power
- Improving patient health outcomes





Integration of Care & Gap Closure

Integrated Care

- Whole person care
- Co-location
- Shared talent

Care Gap Closure

- CHWs
- Telehealth
- Workforce

EMS Perspective

- Integrated Care
- Licensed CP as the “eyes and ears” of the provider in clinic
- Think primary care / chronic disease but emphasize “whole person”
- Success Story
 - Trust built over 2 years
 - Poor living conditions
 - Several unmanaged diagnoses
 - Hopelessness



Patient Impact



Community Support

- Secured elderly apartment housing
- Churches donated furniture, housing supplies, clothing, and groceries
- School volunteers helped move belongings into new space



Mobile Integrated Health Impact

- Medication Compliance
- Improved Diet
- Smoking Cessation
- Behavioral Health Improvement
- Home Aid Assistance



SDOH Addressed

- Food Insecurity
- Living Conditions
- Access to Health Services

MIH & Quality

- Data
- Compliance
- Care gap closure



DATA & Compliance

What to collect and why

Clinical data / clinical metrics

Non-clinical data / SDOH



Where to collect it



Data challenges

Garbage in / garbage out

Data integration

Impact of Care Gap Closure

Improved patient adherence
to appointments

Fewer ED visit

Fewer EMS calls

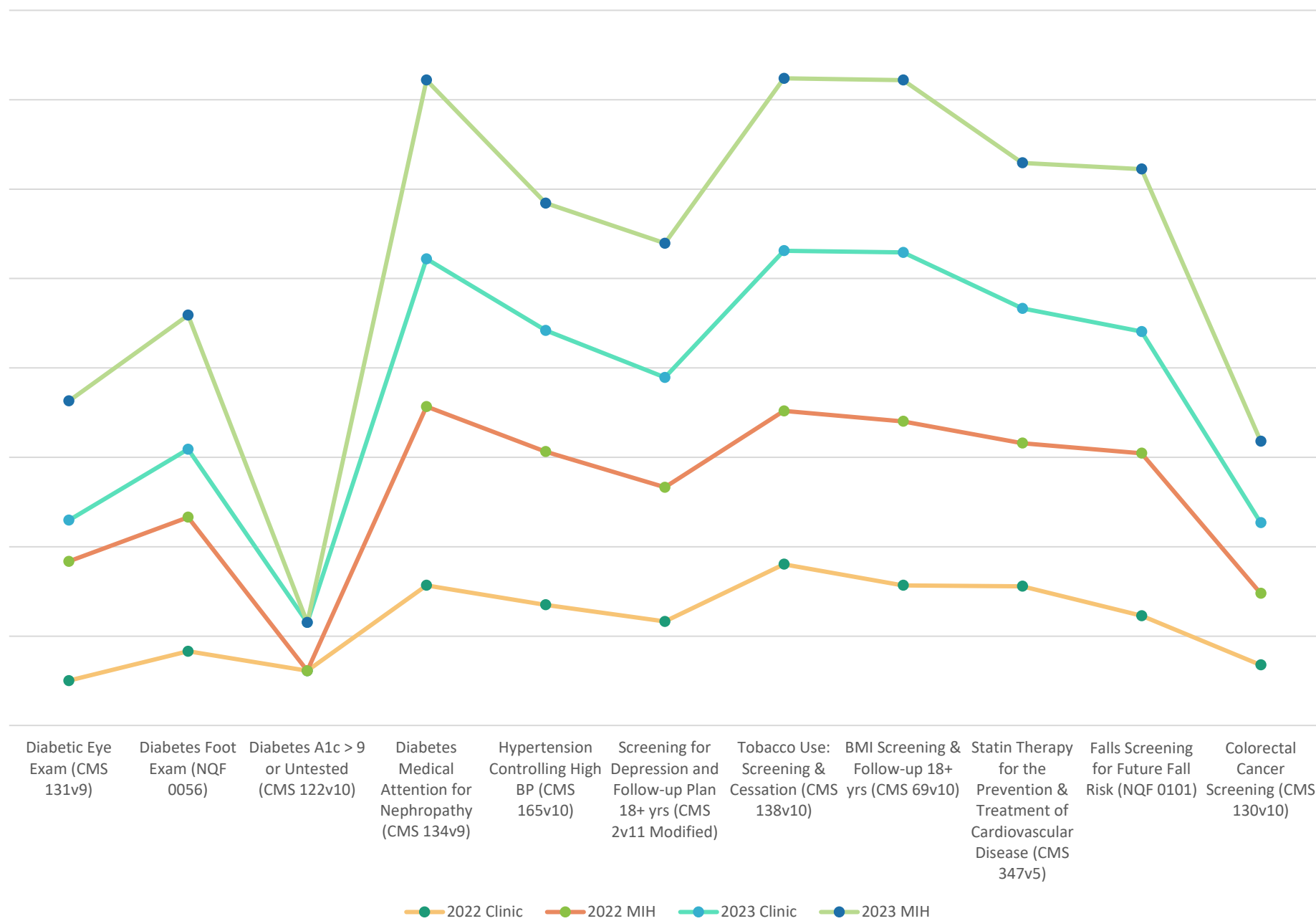
Improved medication
compliance

Improve patient quality of life

Clinical Quality Data | CY 2023

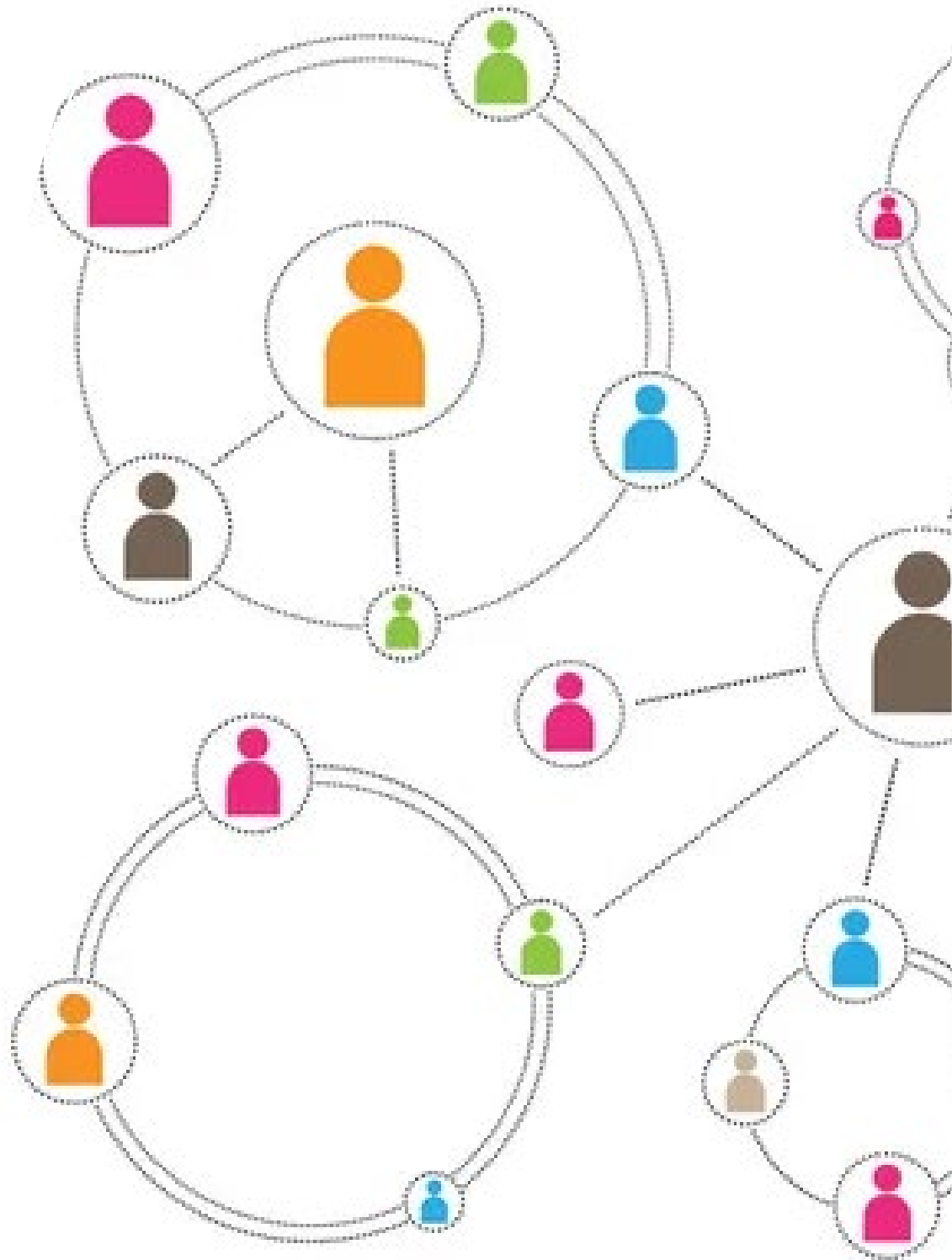


Clinical Quality Measure	All Clinic Patients	MIH Cohort
Diabetic Eye Exam (CMS 131v9)	23%	66.7%
Diabetes Foot Exam (NQF 0056)	38%	75.0%
Diabetes A1c > 9 or Untested (CMS 122v10)	27%	0.0%
Diabetes Medical Attention for Nephropathy (CMS 134v9)	82.6%	100.0%
Hypertension Controlling High BP (CMS 165v10)	67.8%	71.2%
Screening for Depression and Follow-up Plan 18+ yrs (CMS 2v11 Modified)	61.5%	75.0%
Tobacco Use: Screening & Cessation (CMS 138v10)	89.6%	96.4
BMI Screening & Follow-up 18+ yrs (CMS 69v10)	94.5%	96.4%
Statin Therapy for the Prevention & Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease (CMS 347v5)	75.4%	81.4%
Falls Screening for Future Fall Risk (NQF 0101)	68%	90.9%
Colorectal Cancer Screening (CMS 130v10)	39.5%	45.6%



MIH Networking

- Relationships
 - Local
 - Regional
 - State
 - National
- Connections – warm introductions
 - You don't know what you don't know
 - Begin the conversation



MIH Networking

Resources

- Grants
- Contracts
- Research

Payers

- Partners
- Opportunities

MIH Networking

Documenting | Analysis


- Drives quality
- Ensures sustainability
- Enlist help of others with knowledge and resources
 - Funders
 - MoHealthNet
 - Medicaid MCOs
 - Missouri Primary Care Association



MIH Networking

“The Glue”

- Communication internal and external →
- Education & training needs and opportunities
- Workforce development
- Collaboration opportunities
- Research opportunities
- Think beyond today

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MIH at the Federal Level

Legislation and National Perspective



NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

WE HAVE METROPOLITAN PROGRAMS.

WE HAVE URBAN PROGRAMS.

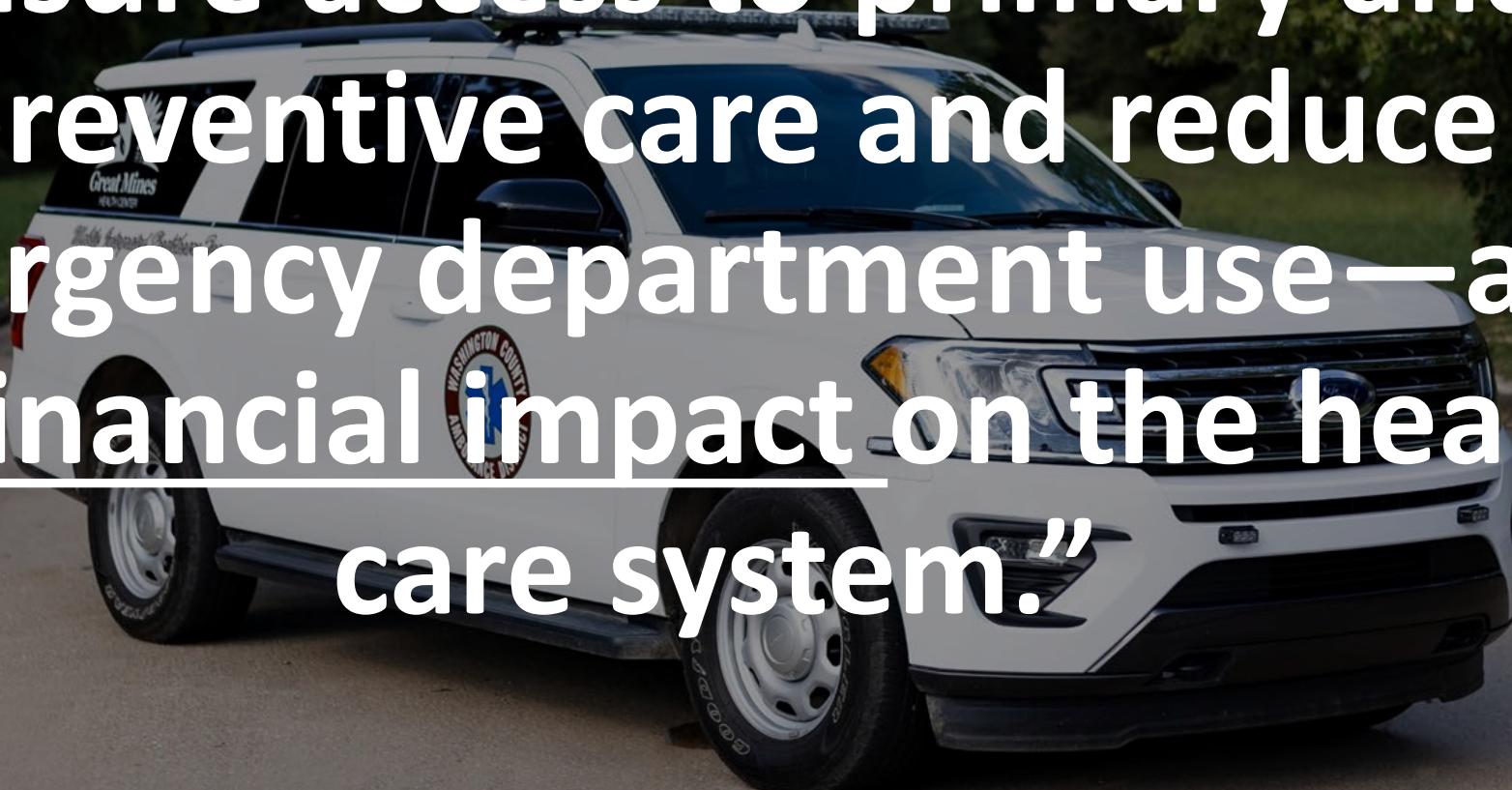
WE HAVE RURAL PROGRAMS.

WE HAVE SUPER-RURAL PROGRAMS

WHILE THE DETAILS ARE DIFFERENT, THE MISSION IS THE SAME.

WE FILL GAPS. WE WORK WITH EVERYONE. WE ADAPT AND OVERCOME.

WE MAKE SICK PEOPLE BETTER | WE SAVE THE SYSTEM MONEY



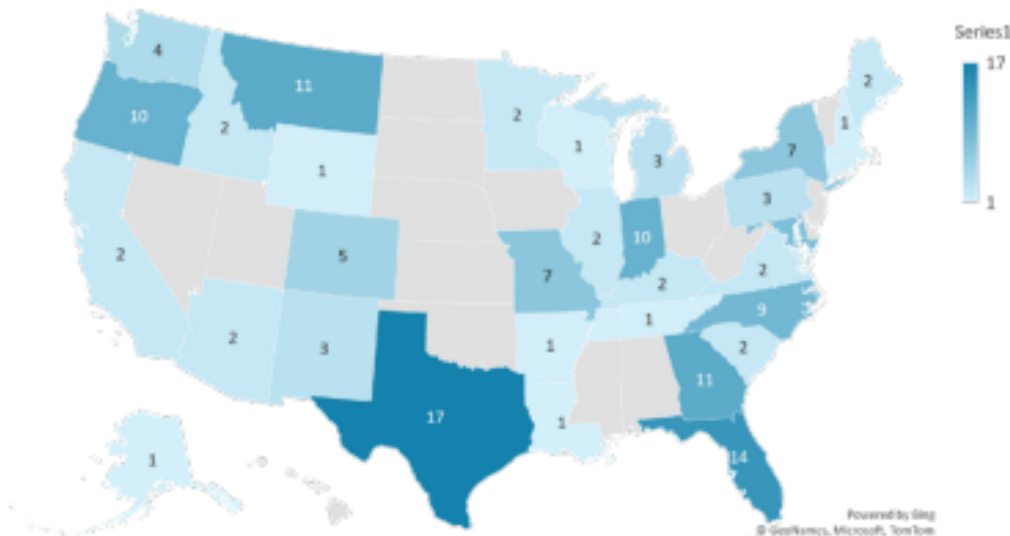
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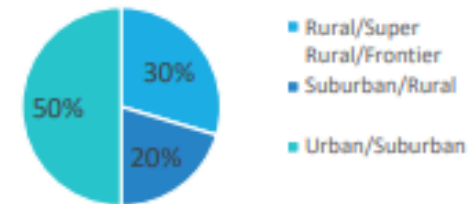
NAEMT Survey | 2023

Survey Demographics

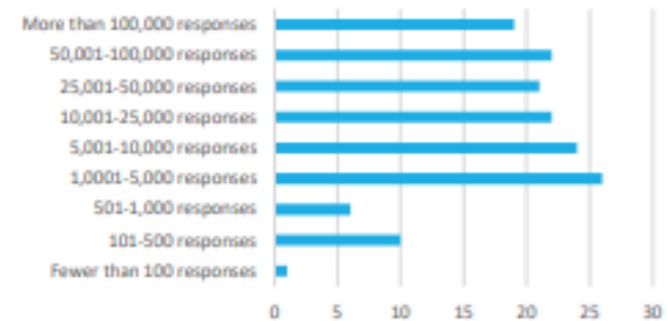
Our Agency is Headquartered In:



Demographic Region Served



Annual Response Volume

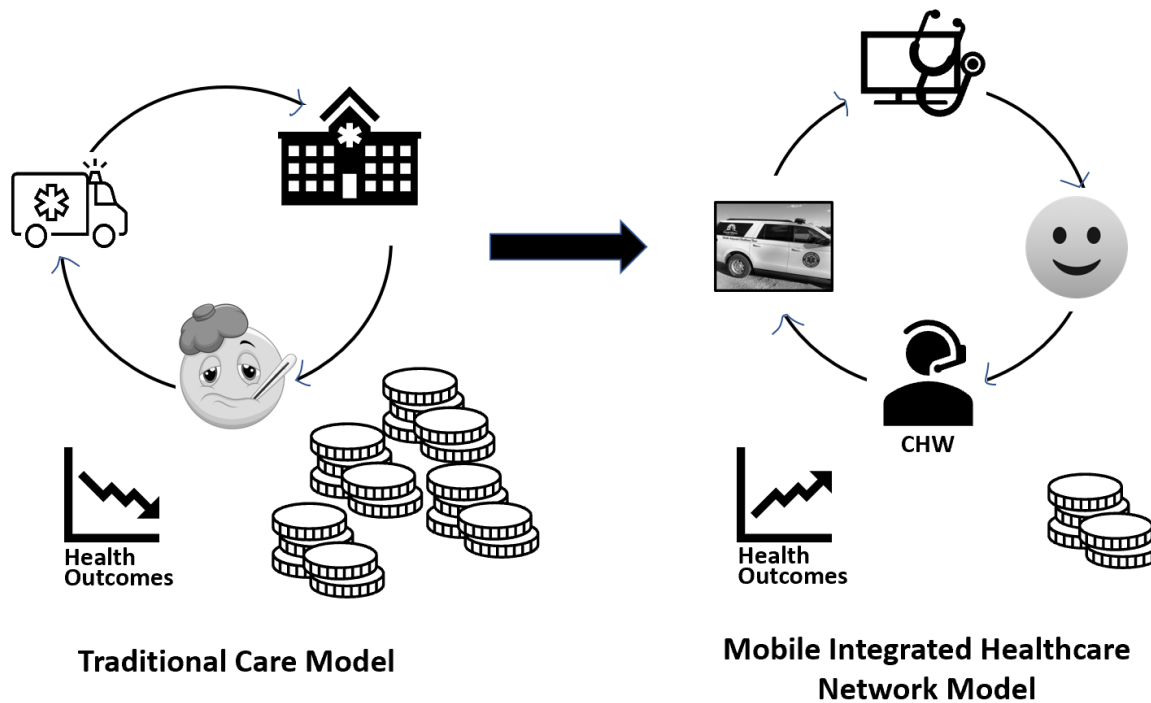


Insanity:

doing the same thing
over and over again
and expecting
different results.

-Albert Einstein

**Requires policy / regulatory changes
and new payment models**



Medicare Reimbursement

The most recent Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) report from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) reveals the Average expenditure for ED visit for patients aged 65 or older is **\$690**.

<https://hcup-us.ahrq.gov/reports/statbriefs/sb268-ED-Costs-2017.pdf> **(2017)**

Medicare Reimbursement

The national average Medicare fee schedule for a basic life support emergency ambulance service is **\$447.56**, and of this allowed amount, Medicare pays 80% = **\$358.05**

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/fee-schedules/ambulance>

CMS Has Data

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) recently reported that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) paid \$20 million to EMS agencies for **pandemic waiver authorized** on-scene treatment without transport to a hospital.

The average Medicare expenditure per treatment without transport claim is estimated at **\$358.05**.

Using this estimate, the number of treatment without transport claims that the \$20 million expenditure represents is ~55,858 ambulance claims ($\$20 \text{ million} \div \358.05).

In simple terms, there were **55,858** Medicare beneficiaries who were **NOT** seen by a hospital emergency department (ED), and instead were cared for by EMS personnel and left at home.

Using this data, the estimated **SAVINGS** to Medicare derived from the 55,858 Medicare beneficiaries who were NOT seen in an ED was **\$38,542,020**.

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CURRENT BARRIERS TO CONSIDER

FINAL REFLECTION

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE & COMMUNITY PARAMEDICS ARE
DOTTED ACROSS THE REGION AND THE COUNTY.

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS ARE DIVERSE.

HOWEVER, ALL MIH/CP PROGRAMS HAVE A FEW THINGS IN COMMON....

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WHY? BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.



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