



# Albany Area Primary Health Care, Inc.

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Albany Area Primary Health Care, Inc. is a FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) which operates in 6 counties in SW Georgia providing care to 35,000 different individuals and 120,000 patient visits. Our budget is approximately \$18 million. An FQHC is a health center that provides services to children and adults with primary care physicians such as Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and OB/GYN. Services are delivered in Medically Underserved Areas and offered on a reduced fee based on ability to pay, as well as accepting Medicaid, Medicare, Third Party Insurance, and cash.

Sales tax relief (4% - exemption) means a savings of approximately \$100,000. This saving is converted into personnel as our budget is approximately 65% personnel and fringe benefits. This savings would allow me to employ one additional physician assistant who can see about 2,000+ patient visits. Our costs for each patient visit is approximately \$118 compared to Emergency Room visits of approximately \$850. The additional \$100,000 saved is invested in personnel and the return on this investment equals \$190,000 in economic activity for the community.

Albany Area Primary Health Care, Inc. is a member of the Georgia Association for Primary Health Care (GAPHC). The investment in these health centers (FQHCs), which are required by law to be 501c3's, results in significant economic impact for our state. The Economic Impact of GA's FQHCs for 2009 is attached.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Tary L. Brown, CEO

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## Georgia's Health and Wealth Depends on Community Health Centers

### *Investing in Georgia's Community Health Centers:*

- Invests in locally owned and operated Georgia businesses
- Invests in attracting new businesses and investments into Georgia communities
- Invests in high-paying, skilled jobs, with training and growth opportunities
- Invests in the state and local tax base
- Puts money in the pockets of Georgia households
- Puts people to work improving the health of Georgia communities

The Georgia Association for Primary Health Care, Inc. (GAPHC) was founded as a not-for-profit Georgia corporation in 1979 through the cooperative efforts of a broad coalition of primary health care advocates in our state.

Our mission is to improve access to comprehensive primary health care services for all medically underserved Georgians and to support the continued development and expansion of community-based health center practice systems throughout the state.



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<sup>i</sup> Multipliers are derived by dividing the total output by the direct impact, for example a \$100 investment yields \$190 in economic activity, or \$1.90 for every dollar spent.

<sup>ii</sup> Estimates of indirect and induced economic impacts were generated using IMPLAN 3.0 with Georgia-specific state multipliers.

<sup>iii</sup> Indirect impact is a measure of money spent on other state industries as a result of an investment.

<sup>iv</sup> Induced impact is a measure of household income from other state industries as a result of an investment.

## Georgia's Community Health Centers

### An Economic Opportunity for Georgia Families and Communities

*In addition to providing affordable, high-quality health care, in 2008 Georgia's Community Health Centers:*

- **Directly contributed \$124 million to Georgia's economy**, resulting in \$74 million in income to Georgia households, and 1,025 jobs.
- **Indirectly added \$238 million to the state's economy** through indirect and induced economic activity, including \$113 million in household income and a total impact of 1,914 Georgia jobs.
- **Brought over \$1.90 in economic activity for every dollar spent.** For every 10 health center jobs, 9 additional jobs were created.<sup>1</sup>

### Economic Activity in Georgia Stimulated by Community Health Centers in 2008<sup>ii</sup>

The majority of Georgia's Community Health Centers' total operating expenses went to local payrolls and the purchase of local goods and services.

	Total Jobs Created	Added Household Income	Total Output
<b>Direct</b>	1,025	\$74,725,032	\$124,305,224
<b>Indirect<sup>iii</sup></b>	257	\$12,447,347	\$33,994,804
<b>Induced<sup>iv</sup></b>	632	\$25,377,220	\$79,821,096
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,914</b>	<b>\$112,549,600</b>	<b>\$238,121,124</b>

### Top 10 Georgia Industries Impacted by Community Health Centers in 2008

Georgia's Community Health Centers purchase a wide variety of goods and services from other Georgia businesses, adding jobs, income and profits to hundreds of Georgia's industries.

Industry Impacted	Jobs Created	Income Generated	Economic Impact
<b>Offices of physicians, dentists, other health</b>	1,059	\$77,191,128	\$128,407,576
<b>Food services and drinking venues</b>	91	\$1,759,253	\$5,061,951
<b>Real estate establishments</b>	65	\$1,563,415	\$9,608,883
<b>Employment services</b>	58	\$1,469,263	\$2,061,635
<b>Wholesale trade businesses</b>	29	\$2,311,295	\$6,124,135
<b>Private hospitals</b>	28	\$1,544,414	\$3,163,512
<b>Retail Stores - Food and beverage</b>	23	\$591,983	\$1,425,607
<b>Retail Stores - General merchandise</b>	23	\$595,630	\$1,347,838
<b>Private household operations</b>	19	\$119,723	\$138,720
<b>Services to buildings and dwellings</b>	19	\$478,846	\$1,101,172

### State and Local Tax Contribution of Community Health Centers in 2008

Through sales, income, corporate and other taxes, Community Health Centers brought over \$10.7 million to state and local treasuries in 2008.

<b>Income Tax</b>	<b>Indirect Business Tax</b>	<b>Household Tax</b>	<b>Corporate Tax</b>
\$130,288	\$6,428,170	\$3,458,186	\$759,052