



## News Release

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### **NCHS Wins HRSA Award of Excellence**

#### *North County Health Services Recognized for Outstanding Clinical Outcomes*

San Marcos, Ca. September 4, 2019- North County Health Services ([NCHS](#)) is proud to announce the designation of “Health Center Quality Leader” from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), identifying **NCHS as ranked in the top 20% of health centers nationally for Clinical Quality Measures (CQMs) in 2018.**

In addition to the designation as a top performer in clinical quality, NCHS was awarded for excellence in:

- “Patient Centered Medical Home,” recognizing health centers with Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) distinction. All eight eligible NCHS care sites were recognized.
- “Advancing Health Information Technology (HIT) for Quality Awards,” recognizing health centers that utilized five HIT services and/or telehealth services to increase access to care and advance quality of care between 2017 and 2018.

NCHS President & CEO, Barbara Kennedy, shares, “We are elated as our efforts to ensure the highest quality of care for our patients and communities is making a difference and gaining recognition. We could not have achieved this level of excellence without the dedication and support of our staff, leaders, clinicians, and board members. I am truly humbled to have the honor of serving this amazing organization and our patients.”

NCHS is committed to improving the health outcomes for the over 67,000 patients that entrust us with their healthcare needs. As stated by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, “By providing patients access to high quality, value-based care, community health centers are uniquely positioned to meet the nation's most pressing health care needs, as well as emerging health priorities.”

This recognition demonstrates NCHS’ commitment to providing exceptional care to the communities we serve and the belief that together, healthcare knows no boundaries and can be accessible to all. NCHS Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Patrick Tellez, states, “This recognition represents a “new benchmark” for outstanding achievement for NCHS and is a tribute to the teamwork on the part of all clinical, management and operations staff. Special thanks are due to our Population Health Improvement Team under the steering and guidance of NCHS Senior Director of Quality Improvement and Privacy Officer, Cathy Sakansky, RN, and to all clinical and staff leaders for their work and contribution, hands-on, day to day, in improving evidence based patient care.”

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## About NCHS

NCHS is a private not-for-profit organization that serves over 67,000 patients annually at 12 community health centers in Carlsbad, Encinitas, Oceanside, San Marcos, Ramona, Perris, and through two mobile clinics. NCHS has provided affordable, comprehensive, and culturally sensitive [health care](#) to uninsured and underinsured communities in North County San Diego and Riverside County for nearly 50 years.

NCHS offers the following health care services to its patient's: pediatrics, adult medicine, obstetrics, gynecology, dentistry, pharmacy, behavioral health, chiropractic and quick care, as well as, and transportation services, community health outreach, insurance enrollment assistance, and case management programs. For more information visit: [nchs-health.org](http://nchs-health.org)