**A** **Federally Qualified Health Center** (**FQHC**) is a reimbursement designation from the Bureau of Primary Care and the **Centers** for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of **Health** and Human Services

According to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) FQHC Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS) :

To qualify for enhanced reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid\*, as well as other benefits facility shall

* Serve an underserved area or population
* Offer a sliding fee scale
* Provide comprehensive services (either on-site or by arrangement with another provider), including:
  + Preventive health services
  + Dental services
  + Mental health and substance abuse services
  + Transportation services necessary for adequate patient care
  + Hospital and specialty care
* Have an ongoing quality assurance program
* Have a governing board of directors

The FQHC benefit under Medicare was added effective October 1, 1991, when Section 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act (the Act). It was amended by Section 4161 of the **Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990**: FQHCs are safety net providers that primarily provide services typically furnished in an outpatient clinic. FQHCs include community health centers, migrant health centers, health care for the homeless health centers, public housing primary care centers, and health center program “lookalikes.” They also include outpatient health programs or facilities operated by a tribe or tribal organization or by an urban Indian organization. FQHCs are paid based on the FQHC Prospective Payment System (PPS) for medically-necessary primary health services and qualified preventive health services furnished by a FQHC practitioner.

**Examples of presently Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCS) in New Orleans include:**

Crescent Care

1631 Elysian Fields Ave, New Orleans, LA 70117

St. Thomas Community Health Centers

2405 Jackson Ave, New Orleans, LA 70113

1936 Magazine St, New Orleans, LA 70130

Daughters of Charity Health Center - Gentilly

100 Warrington Dr, New Orleans, LA 70122

Daughters of Charity Health Center- Carrollton

3201 S Carrollton Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118

University Medical Center New Orleans

2000 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70112

Common Ground Health Clinic

1400 Teche St, New Orleans, LA 70114

Health Care for the Homeless

2222 Simon Bolivar Ave, New Orleans, LA 70113

Uptown Dental

8131 St Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118