

FQHC benefit the community in general by:

- Leveraging its funding processes to increase access to LOCAL healthcare for children, the elderly, veterans, pregnant women, the financially vulnerable, and/or others, and thus retain millions of dollars in the community,
- Utilizing its pharmaceutical program benefits to provide affordable pharmaceuticals to its patients and simultaneously recouping millions of dollars in annual savings for the community,
- Utilizing its Teaching Health Center status to attract, train and/or retain the best and brightest minds in healthcare, especially including local talent interested in medical, dental, dental hygienist, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Behavioral (LCSW, LPC), school education, in the community,
- Utilizing its provider recruitment benefits, including loan and/or income-based loan repayment programs to attract and retain the best and brightest healthcare providers to the community,
- Increasing documented quality of care, especially including in the areas of chronic disease management (hypertension, diabetes) and obstetrical care,
- Dramatically increase the quality of care through required achievements in quality measures, including but not limited to those related to hypertension, diabetes, prenatal care, obstetrical care, childhood immunizations, cervical cancer, obesity, tobacco use, substance use, opioid management, asthma, coronary artery disease, ischemic vascular disease, colorectal cancer, depression, anxiety, HIV, and oral health. It is through achievement in quality measures that make FQHCs eligible for Federal Tort Claims Act protection,
- WELCOMING Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP and Tricare,
- Providing an income-based nominal fee and/or sliding fee scale discount to people living at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines,
- Reducing unnecessary ER visits and hospital readmissions,
- Working with local school districts to have strategically-located school-based community clinics,
- Leveraging its networks, including but not limited to Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Texas Department of State Health Services, American Cancer Society, 20 academic affiliations, National Association of Community Health Centers, Texas Association of Community Health Centers, etc. to quite literally increase the access to and quality of healthcare, but simultaneously reduce the cost of healthcare through its focus on primary and preventative care and various disease management programs.

FHC@Virginia Parkway would provide direct benefits to Collin County by:

- Providing AT LEAST a 25% discount (could be higher, just depending on what the particulars are of County health & dental plans) on gross charges for FHC@VP services to employees of Collin County and their respective dependents,
- Provide access to FHC@VP's TodayCare (walk-in) services, thus reducing unnecessary ER visits by County employees and their dependents,
- Provide access to FHC@VP's TodayCare (walk-in) services, thus reducing unnecessary hospital readmissions for County employees and their dependents,
- Providing all of the general benefits listed above to employees of Collin County and their dependents, especially including the income-based discounts on services and substantial savings on pharmaceuticals.