

Passaic County Department of Health Services
And Paterson Community Health Center

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Partnership to Provide Health Services

Paterson Community Health Center ("PCHC") a Federally Qualified Health Center located at 32 Clinton Street, Paterson, NJ 07522 and at 227 Broadway, Paterson, NJ 07501 and the County of Passaic Department of Health Services ("PCDHS"), located at 930 Riverview Drive, Suite 250, Totowa, NJ, 07513 agree to collaborate to provide health care services. The healthcare services include childhood immunizations, care for infants and children up to 18 years, childhood lead poisoning identification and treatment, improved pregnancy outcomes, diabetes and cardiovascular health services, as well as dental, podiatry and mental health services to improve the quality of life for Passaic County residents in need of these services.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to include PCHC in the network of organizations committed to promoting access to services including childhood immunizations, care for infants and children up to 18 years, childhood lead poisoning identification and treatment, improved pregnancy outcomes, diabetes, cardiovascular screening, education and treatment services as well as dental, podiatry and mental health services to community residents, including:

- Increasing accessibility to low cost or free services for residents that reside in Passaic County.
- Enhancing collaboration between the Health Department and PCHC to facilitate greater community awareness and call to action surrounding the critical need for improved health outcomes in Passaic County.
- Enabling and assisting residents in the community to gain a greater knowledge of health issues including prevention, education, screening and treatment.

DESCRIPTION OF HEALTH CENTER SERVICES

PCHC provides childhood immunizations, health care services for infants and children up to 18 years, childhood lead poisoning identification and treatment, improved pregnancy outcomes, diabetes and cardiovascular screening, education and treatment services as well as dental, podiatry and mental health services for men, women and children living in Passaic County.

All are welcome regardless of immigration status. Medicaid/Medicare and private insurance are accepted. For the uninsured, sliding fee discounts, with visit payments which could be as low as \$16 to \$40, depending on family size and income are available.

PASSAIC COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OBLIGATIONS

As per this Memorandum of Understanding, the Passaic County Department of Health Services (PCDHS) shares in the commitment to improve the community's health, and agrees to:

- Distribute Paterson Community Health Center's (PCHC) information describing the benefits of their healthcare services for the community.
- Refer individuals to PCHC who meet the eligibility criteria for screening and diagnostic procedures.
- Refer individuals (insured & uninsured) of all ages to PCHC.
- Forward all pertinent patient records at the time of referral

PATERSON COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OBLIGATIONS

PCHC agrees to inform PCDHS and their community, public and medical providers of recommendations and continuity of care at PCHC. PCHC agrees to provide redacted usage data to PCDHS for the purpose of reporting on health status in the community.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

Nothing in this agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an employer/employee relationship between parties.

LIABILITY

PCDHS has sole responsibility to provide the referral activities described herein within the accepted standard of care. PCDHS shall be held harmless from any liability resulting from said services provided by PCHC.

TERM

The duration of this memorandum of understanding is effective December 6, 2024, through December 6, 2029, and shall be automatically renewed for additional period of 5 years unless previously terminated by either party.

TERMINATION

It is further understood and agreed that either PCHC or the PCDHS may cancel this agreement upon thirty days written notice to either party.

VENUE

The Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey without regard to conflicts of law principles thereof.

HIPAA

The parties shall take all steps necessary to comply with HIPAA and the Privacy Regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF:

Signature

Araçeli Pintle, H.O., M.P.H., C.H.E.S.
Director & Health Officer Passaic
County Department of Health Services
Date: January 1, 2025



Signature

Jillian Hudspeth, Acting CEO
Paterson Community Health Center
Date: December 6, 2024