

# Our History

Community Health Care Since 1969

Delaware Valley Community Health, Inc. (DVCH) has provided quality health care services to North Philadelphia residents since 1969. Founded as a satellite operation of the Department of Community Medicine at Hahnemann Medical College, DVCH incorporated into a private, non-profit community health organization in 1977.

By 1980, DVCH began to receive funding through the Department of Health and Human Services, assuring access to health care services for community members regardless of their ability to pay.

With over 44,000 patients and over 163,000 medical visits, the organization now operates 6 health centers in Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties.

All health insurance plans are accepted including Medicaid and Medicare.

*"Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care..."*

*Article 25, Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

# We Are Here For You

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**Care** Community Health, Inc.  
Health Care for All

OVER 44,000  
PATIENTS  
43 YEARS OF  
EXPERIENCE  
6 CONVENIENT  
LOCATIONS  
1 COMMUNITY

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# Delaware Valley Community Health Services

## Adult & Family Medicine

Treatment of common health conditions for the individual and/or family throughout life. Preventive medicine for persons ages 18 and above. Services and classes available for health education, mental health and smoking cessation.

## Behavioral Health

Therapists meet with patients during medical visits and at the request of the medical provider. Therapists help in the management of stress, depression, anxiety or other mental health concerns and provide guidance for coping.

## Childhood Obesity Treatment\*

Children are evaluated and treated based on the BPHC Disparities Collaborative Chronic Care Model. Healthy eating habits and exercise behaviors are addressed through group and family education sessions.

## Dental

Prevention and treatment of various oral conditions. Services include dental exams, X-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants, fillings, extractions, dentures, crowns, bridges, emergency treatment, and referrals.

## Diabetes\*

DVCH's nationally recognized diabetes program includes tests for hypoglycemia, lipid screenings, health education, annual foot and eye exams, and renal screenings. Health education, weight management and nutrition classes, which include lunches that meet dietary guidelines, are offered throughout the year.

## Women's Health Services (Gynecology and Obstetrics)

Comprehensive services for women, including teenagers, which address the health of the female reproductive system as well as other female health issues. DVCH provides a safe and comfortable environment for the mother and her baby during pregnancy, birth and post birth. All pregnant patients receive a minimum of five prenatal visits during pregnancy, including prenatal education, along with a newborn check up within the first month after birth. Our doctors are associated with hospitals to ensure the highest quality care during delivery.

## Health Insurance Enrollment

An Insurance Eligibility Specialist is available at every DVCH health center on scheduled days. Specialists will assist individuals and families in determining eligibility and enrollment in insurance programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program).

## HIV Care

As part of the CareLink Network, DVCH is able to provide health care for HIV patients and has a trained Care Outreach Specialist available for patient outreach and assistance.

## Medical Care for the Homeless

As a Public Health Management Corporation sub-grantee, basic primary care and social assistance are available through DVCH's partnerships with these shelters: Our Brother's Place, Outley House, Sheila Dennis Women's Shelter and Ridge Avenue Shelter.

## Pediatric Asthma\*

Treatment focuses on providing appropriate medication and patient education on asthma management.

## Pediatrics\*

Comprehensive health care for infants, children and adolescents (up to 18 years old) that focuses on the prevention and detection of childhood diseases.

## Podiatry

Services include complete diabetic and arthritic foot care, as well as treatment for ankle injuries, athlete's foot, bunions, ganglions, hammertoes, heel/arch pain, ingrown/fungal toenails, neuromas, sprains/strains, and warts. Maria de los Santos only.

## Social Work

DVCH Social Workers match patients with community programs and resources that meet their needs. Free to low-cost medication for eligible patients is available through the Health Federation of Philadelphia Needy Medications Program.

## Physician Dispensary and Mail Order Service for Prescription Medication

DVCH makes it easy for patients to get their prescription medication. Through the Physician Dispensary and Mail Order program, medication is available at significantly discounted prices. Patients can pick up prescriptions at Norristown Regional and Maria de los Santos Health Centers, and can choose to receive refills by mail. Most insurance plans are accepted.

\*Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) Disparities Chronic Care Model: DVCH creates registries that are consistently updated for asthmatic, diabetic, pediatric, pediatric overweight, and perinatal patients. DVCH care providers are trained in the BPHC care model, with a focus on disease management, decision support and patient self-management. Registries enhance safety and efficiency, and assure high quality care for all patients.

## Our Mission is to Ensure the Well-Being of You and Your Family

Delaware Valley Community Health, Inc (DVCH) is a community-focused, non-profit health care organization providing affordable and accessible primary medical, dental and behavioral health care. Services are provided in a fiscally responsible manner to all patients regardless of their ability to pay. As a reflection of our commitment to the community, we:

- believe in the dignity of each individual, and therefore provide a qualified, competent, health care delivery team that is culturally sensitive, friendly and respectful;
- promote a supportive, team-oriented work environment, with opportunities for growth and continuing education;
- recognize that environmental, emotional and social factors affect the health and well-being of the individuals we serve, and offer comprehensive services in collaboration with other community agencies; and
- acknowledge and respond to the need for urban-based medical training opportunities through affiliation agreements with graduate medical education programs, medical schools, nursing schools and allied health institutions.

Delaware Valley Community Health, Inc. (DVCH) currently operates six Federally Qualified Health Centers in Southeastern Pennsylvania. To make secure tax deductible contributions to DVCH's important efforts, or for more organizational information, please visit our website at [www.dvch.org](http://www.dvch.org). Donations can also be made through the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania with our #3899-donor number. For other information please contact the Director of Business Development at [development@dvch.org](mailto:development@dvch.org) or by phoning 215-599-0744. Thank you for helping to assure that quality health care services are provided for those most in need.

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