



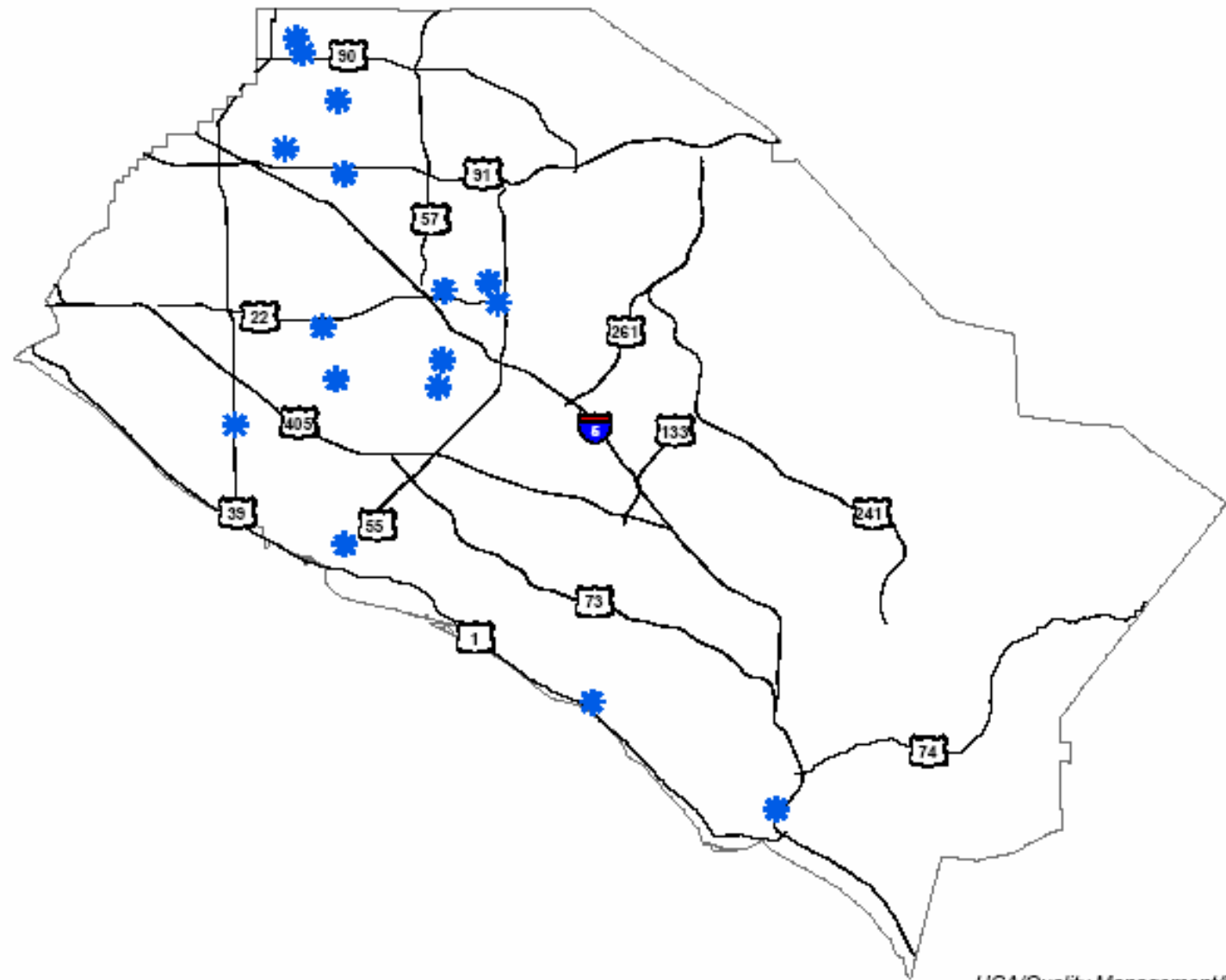
Health Care Agency


Update on Federal Designations for
Community Clinics in Orange County

Community Clinics in Orange County

- Services include primary medical, prenatal, dental, and behavioral health care, as well as health education and outreach.
- Disproportionate share of patients with chronic diseases (e.g., diabetes, asthma).
- 17 non-profit clinic organizations throughout the County.

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY CLINICS



 Community Clinics

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Benefits of Community Clinics

- Reduce non-emergency visits to hospital emergency rooms.
- Assist with enrollment in Medi-Cal and Children's Health Insurance Programs, reducing the number of uninsured.
- Provide services to indigents not eligible for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families programs.

Benefits of Community Clinics (continued)

- Provide free immunizations for uninsured children.
- Provide referrals for access to specialists and other health providers.
- Provide primary and preventive services that can avoid more expensive care.

Current Funding Sources

- Major County sources:
 - Tobacco Settlement Revenues - \$5.5 Million
 - Medical Services for Indigents (MSI) - \$1.7 Million
- Major Federal sources:
 - Federal Public Health Service grant funding
 - Full cost reimbursement for Medi-Cal patients
- Other grant sources include:
 - Children and Families Commission

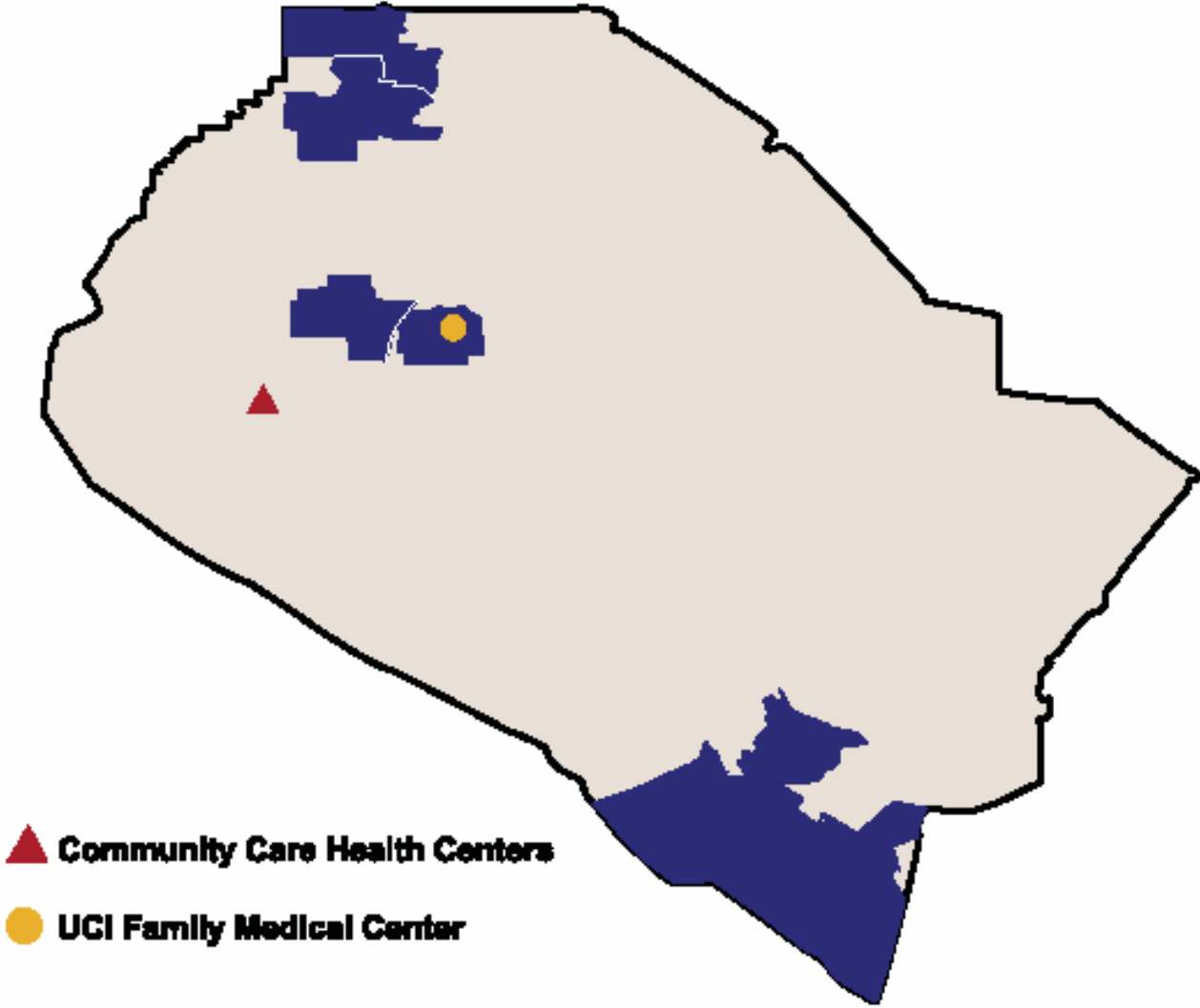
Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

- FQHCs can receive Federal Public Health Service grants of up to \$650,000 for start-ups.
- Two FQHCs in Orange County:
 - UCI Family Health Center in Santa Ana
 - UCI Family Health Center in Anaheim
- “Look-Alikes” meet all FQHC requirements but do not receive Federal grants.
 - Community Care Health Center in Huntington Beach and its satellite clinics in Santa Ana and Orange

FQHC Designation Requirements

- Must offer a comprehensive set of services.
- At least 51% of members of the Board of Directors must be clients of the health center.
- Must serve a Medically Underserved Area or Medically Underserved Population.

FQHC Service Areas



Why not more Orange County FQHC's or Look- Alikes?

- Federal government has limited the amount of grant funding available to Community Clinics
 - Grants are very competitive
 - Recent grants limited to rural and homeless
- Some Orange County Clinics:
 - Lack sufficient Medi-Cal patients to make Look Alike designation worthwhile
 - Offer too limited a scope of services
 - Have Boards that do not meet Federal requirements
 - Lack infrastructure to bill Medi-Cal and Federal Government

HCA's Role

- Worked with State to maximize Medically Underserved Area and Medically Underserved Population designations.
- Assisted Community Care Health Centers' efforts to qualify as serving a Medically Underserved Population and their current effort to qualify satellite clinics.

Current Status

- Coalition of Community Clinics is working with several clinics to obtain “Look Alike” designation.
- Actively pursuing Look-Alike status:
 - Camino Health Center, San Juan Capistrano
 - Vietnamese Community of Orange County (VNCOC)
Asian Health Center, Santa Ana
 - Children’s Hospital of Orange County, Santa Ana
- Considering pursuing Look-Alike status:
 - Nhan Hoa Comprehensive Health Care Clinic,
Garden Grove

Possible Next Steps

- Direct the Health Care Agency to work with the County's legislative advocate to pursue additional Federal grant funding for community clinics.
- Request that CalOptima take steps to increase the number of Medi-Cal patients served by community clinics.
- Support the Health Care Agency's efforts to assist community clinics in achieving Federal designation.