



Experiences in Rural Kansas with the 340B Program

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CHC/SEK Background

- Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, Inc. (CHC/SEK) is a federally qualified health center (FQHC), Kansas not-for-profit corporation, and recognized 501(c)(3) public charity.
- The “FQHC” designation was formally adopted in 1991, while having origins back to the “War of Poverty” (1964) as then “Neighborhood Health Centers”, and later “Community Health Centers” under the Public Health Service Act (1975).
- Today, there are approximately 1,400 FQHCs across the country, tasked with the responsibility of providing comprehensive, high-quality healthcare in medically underserved communities.
- CHC/SEK is partially funded under Section 330(e) of the Public Health Service Act.



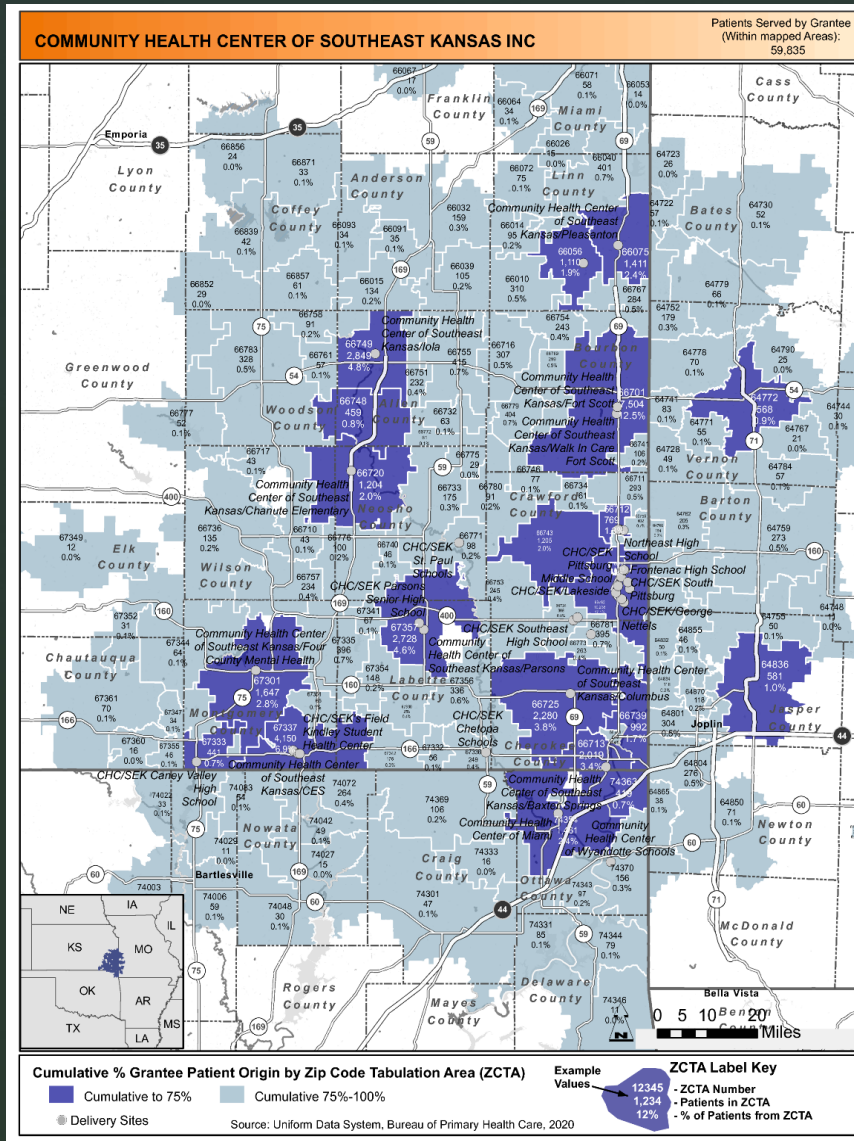
CHC/SEK Background

- CHC/SEK has 39 registered sites in Kansas and Oklahoma, that are open a combined 1,141 hours per week.
- CHC/SEK provides approximately 60 services (family practice, behavioral health, addiction treatment, mammography, pharmacy, etc.) **regardless of ability to pay** (with no collection agency).
- CHC/SEK has approximately 725 employees.
- CHC/SEK provides care to approximately 70,000 individuals a year.



CHC/SEK Background

- CHC/SEK employs the only pediatric dentists in Rural Kansas.
- CHC/SEK maintains the “Unused Medications Repository” (K.S.A. 65-1668 et seq.) for the State of Kansas.
- CHC/SEK has one of the largest school health presences in the country (Affiliations with 50 School Districts; approximately 75 full-time employees in schools).
- CHC/SEK supervises approximately 100 students (medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing, behavioral health, etc.) at all times.
- CHC/SEK will have an accredited family practice residence program (with KU) and pediatric dental residency (with NYU) (both starting in August, 2022).



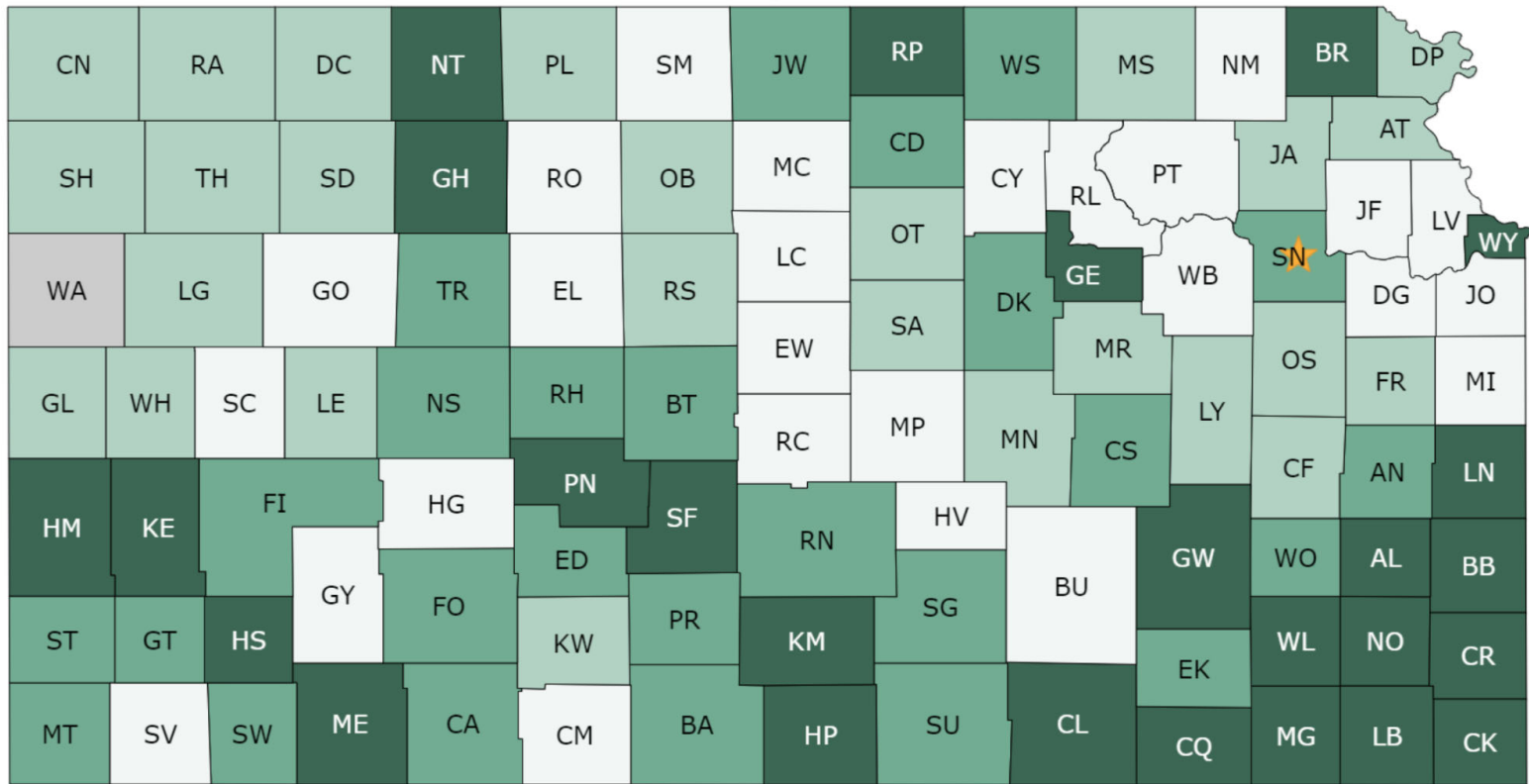


Why are services through an FQHC, services like 340B, important in Southeast Kansas?



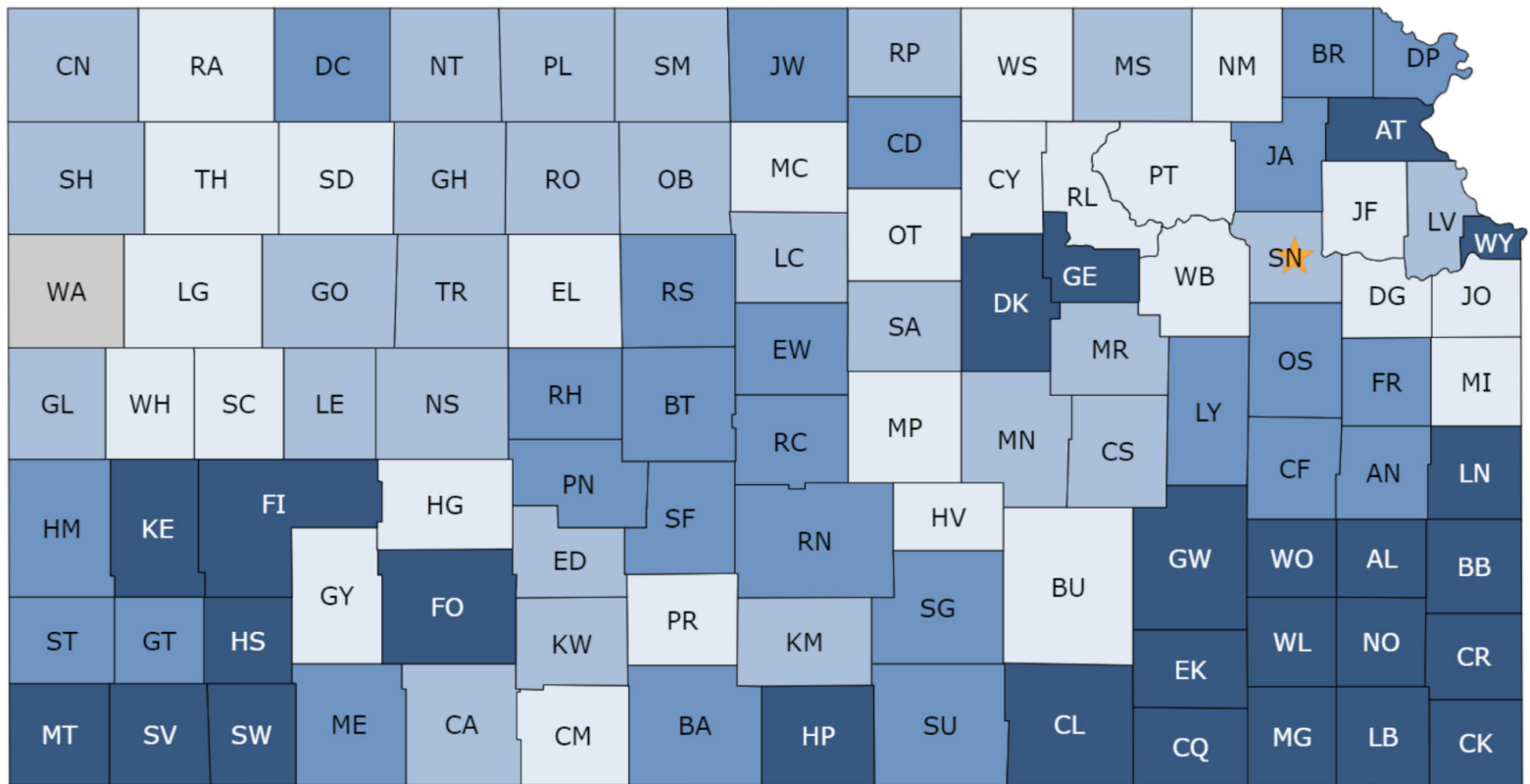
Southeast Kansas Stats

- All 9 counties rank in the bottom 25 counties in Kansas in terms of health outcomes (length of life, quality of life) and health factors (healthy behaviors, clinical care, social & economic factors).
- Kansas ranks as the 34th healthiest state, if you were to remove all 9 Southeast Kansas counties from Kansas, Kansas would rank as the 10th healthiest state.
- All 9 counties are designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) by the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA).



Health Outcome Ranks

1 to 26	27 to 52	53 to 78	79 to 104	Not Ranked
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Health Factor Ranks

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Cherokee County

- Ranks 102 out of 104 Ranked Counties in terms of **Health Outcomes** (premature death rate, poor health, low birthweights, etc.).
- Ranks 96 out of 104 Ranked Counties in terms of **Health Factors** (health behaviors, access of clinical care, social & economic factors).



- ▶ **Growing-up in Cherokee County, means you are more likely than 90% of other Kansans**
 - To be born to a teen mother.
 - Live your entire childhood in poverty (likely below 150% of the federal poverty level).
 - Live your entire childhood food insecure.
 - As an adult, you become obese and suffer a premature death (die before the age of 70).



CHC/SEK Cherokee County Patients: By the Numbers (as of December 7, 2021)

- Patient Count: 7,390 (38%) out of 19,362 County Residents
 - 4,635 (63%) of these Patients are on either Medicare, Medicaid, or Uninsured
- CHC/SEK takes care of 1,730 (68%) of the approximately 2,500 County Residents who live below 100% (\$12,880.00 per year) of the Federal Poverty Line.



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**The 340B Program, through
CHC/SEK, helps address
these realities in Southeast
Kansas.**



In Cherokee County, CHC/SEK

- Employs 50 staff who are residents of the County.
- Provides services at 2 Clinics (Baxter Springs and Columbus).
- Has school-based services in Baxter Springs, and soon in Galena and Columbus (through KDHE Grants).
- Has the only in-house 340B pharmacy in the County (Apothecare – Columbus).



In Cherokee County, CHC/SEK

- Provides all services on a sliding scale, where if you need a medical service (e.g. present with a fever), you can get these services (a visit with a medical provider, lab, and x-ray) for a total of \$15.00 if your income is at or below 100% of the federal poverty level.
- Has 3 contract pharmacies and 1 in-house pharmacy, where our patients can get their medications at the most affordable rate.



In Cherokee County,

- If you are CHC/SEK patient of record and make less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$12,880.00 per year), you will receive Symbicort to control your Asthma for a cost of no more than **\$1.00** per inhaler.
- If there was not 340B pharmacy option in Cherokee County, these same patients would have to pay approximately **\$400.00** per inhaler.



In Cherokee County,

- This Calendar Year, over 40,000 prescriptions have been provided at this same affordable rate through CHC/SEK's participation in the 340B program.



In Cherokee County, in addition to these 40,000 prescriptions, CHC/SEK employs

- **Family Resource Specialists** (provide support services for pregnant women, children, or families needing case management).
- **Diabetic Health Coaches** (addresses diabetic needs of patients).
- **Community Health Workers** (outreach services including transportation).
- **Nursing Coordinators** (patient triage services including immunizations).
- **Referral Specialists** (coordinates specialty services, addressing insurance/pre-authorizations, pre-certifications, and schedules follow-up appointments).

All of which provide vital services for Cherokee County residents, which CHC/SEK has limited or no reimbursement for other than using 340B income.



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