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# Health Care District's Brumback Clinics Receive Health Center Quality Leader and Pandemic Response Awards

West Palm Beach, FL – For the third year in a row, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recognized the Health Care District of Palm Beach County's C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics as a gold-level "Health Center Quality Leader" for ranking among the top 10% of health centers nationally for clinical quality. HRSA also honored the Brumback Clinics for its contributions in responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency with countywide COVID-19 testing and

vaccinations.

“These awards honor the work of our dedicated staff who provide quality care for our adult and pediatric patients,

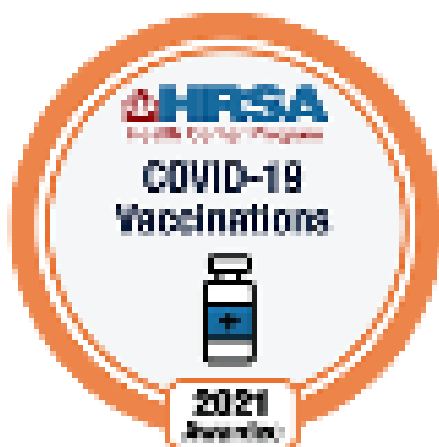
including the homeless and migrant populations, and who also go above and beyond for the entire community during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic,” said Belma Andrić, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer, VP and Executive Director of Clinical Services of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County.

HRSA's Community Health Quality Recognition (CHQR) badges recognize Health Center Program awardees and look-alikes (LALs) that have made notable quality improvement achievements in the areas of access, quality, health equity, and health information technology. HRSA introduced COVID-19 badges this year to recognize health centers' contributions to the public health emergency response. To date, the Brumback Clinics' team has provided over 170,000 COVID-19 tests and more than 219,000 COVID-19 vaccinations to those eligible throughout the community.

“Expanding access to quality primary care is core to our mission,” said Darcy J. Davis, CEO of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County.

“This recognition reflects our swift and unwavering crisis response that began with mobilizing and operating our mass COVID-19 vaccination and drive-through testing sites and continues today in our free-standing clinics and through our mobile clinic vaccination efforts.”

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The Brumback Clinics also received two additional awards:

- Advancing Health Information Technology (HIT) for Quality, which recognizes health centers that meet all criteria to optimize HIT services that advance telehealth, patient engagement, interoperability, and collection of social determinants of health to increase access to care and advance quality of care.

• Patient Centered Medical Home, which recognizes health centers that provide health care that is relationship-based with an orientation toward the whole person.

HRSA, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary federal agency for improving health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or

medically vulnerable.

The C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics provide quality medical, dental, behavioral health, Medication Assisted Treatment and pharmacy services to adults and children with or without insurance. The nine clinic sites throughout Palm Beach County, Florida, along with three mobile health clinics are Federally Qualified Health Centers owned and operated by the Health Care District of Palm Beach County.



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### **About the Health Care District**

The Health Care District of Palm Beach County provides primary medical care and dental services for adults and children at the C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics, a coordinated and lifesaving Trauma System that includes two FAA-certified Trauma Hawk air ambulances, registered nurses in nearly 170 public schools, short and long-term skilled nursing at the Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Riviera Beach, and acute care at its teaching hospital, Lakeside Medical Center, which is accredited by The Joint Commission and serves the rural Glades'

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communities.

## **About the C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics**

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