



### ***Fact Sheet***

- BVMII provides free primary, sick and chronic care to low-income working Bergen County residents who do not have medical insurance. Individuals/families may earn up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level. More than 71,000 adults in Bergen County are uninsured (American Community Survey, US Census Bureau).
- Bergen County is one of the ten most prosperous counties in the nation with a per capita income of \$88,487, and a median household income of \$93,683. Despite this wealth, 6.9% of the County's residents live below the federal poverty level. According to the US Census Bureau, in 2015, 8.4% of Bergen County residents who are working have no health insurance.
- BVMII is a licensed, ambulatory healthcare center. In March, 2017, BVMII relocated to the new Lynn Diamond Healthcare Center, a 5,000 square foot facility in Hackensack, NJ. Patients are seen by appointment five days a week. In 2017, BVMII provided more than 7,000 medical visits for nearly 1,200 patients. The patient census increased by 25%.
- A team of 55 volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses and other healthcare professionals provide medical care for BVMII's patients. More than 200 specialists in private practice in the county have agreed to see BVMII patients at no charge.
- All five Bergen County hospitals provide x-rays and advanced diagnostic procedures for BVMII patients. BD provides donated medical products, and Quest Diagnostics provides comprehensive laboratory services. J&J Pharmacy in Hackensack provides discounted medicines to patients and donates supplies to the Healthcare Center.
- Through early intervention and consistent treatment of patients, BVMII has been able to stabilize chronic conditions, help reduce infectious disease and decrease Emergency Room visits.
- BVMII focuses on improving health literacy and expanding access to healthcare for underserved communities by providing primary care, sick and chronic care through the Diabetes Patient Care and Education Program and the Women's Health Initiative; Paso a Paso, an obesity program, launched in September, 2017. Many corporate and foundation donors have made this possible, including the Aetna Foundation, Russell Berrie Foundation, Horizon Foundation for New Jersey, OritaniBank Foundation, TD Bank, Susan G. Komen Foundation and the Allergan Foundation.
- BVMII does not receive any government funding, is not reimbursed by insurance companies and does not charge patients for services provided. BVMII relies entirely on contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations.

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