



# Alivio Medical Center

*An Active Presence for a Strong Community*

**Illinois Community Health Foundation  
Final Report  
Reporting Period – March 31, 2017 to February 2, 2018**

Alivio Medical Center (AMC) is pleased to report that it began operating its dental practice at its Berwyn clinic on a part-time basis in April 2017.

With regards to the specific funding from the Illinois Community Health Foundation, Alivio Medical Center purchased the Dexis Platinum Digital X-Ray Sensor System. The sensor system makes up the last component (Digital X-Ray) of the Electronic Dental Record. The installation and implementation of the Dexis Sensor system will take place during the first quarter of 2018.

AMC's dental clinic will finally operate 100% paperless, without the use of films for X-Rays.

The purchase of the equipment will enhance services at both of Alivio Medical Center's dental clinics – Morgan site and Berwyn site. In addition, it will lead to improved quality measures.

Successful outcomes:

The Berwyn dental clinic opened March 31, 2017 on limited basis while Alivio Medical Center recruited a bilingual or bilingual bicultural dentist. AMC was successful in the opening of the Berwyn dental clinic and in so expanding access to oral health care to the communities of

Cicero, Berwyn and surrounding areas. Berwyn dental clinic served 94 patients with 100 visits during the grant period.

AMC's total dental patients (for both sites) for the reporting period were: 1,652 patients with 3,241 dental visits.

AMC is in the process of negotiating with a full-time, bilingual dentist to staff the Berwyn clinic. In addition, AMC continues to provide oral health information and referrals for services via its mobile unit. During the past year, AMC's mobile unit has visited 16 cities: Aurora, Bolingbrook, Chicago, Berwyn, Cicero, DeKalb, East Chicago, Elgin, Melrose Park, Round Lake, South Barrington, Summit, Waukegan, West Chicago, Wheaton, Rochelle.

AMC's mobile unit visits schools, community centers, churches, social service agencies and other non-profit organizations. AMC's mobile unit works in tandem with the Consulate General of Mexico in Chicago's "consulate on wheels" and often partners on health fairs and other events by providing disease screenings (glucose, blood pressure, BMI, Cholesterol) and health education in the areas of Diabetes, Hypertension, sexually transmitted infections, Depression and other mental health issues, as well as information about where to obtain dental care.

#### Use of Funds:

Alivio Medical Center completed the purchase of the Dexis Platinum Digital X-Ray Sensor System, required site license, and training for both the Morgan dental clinic as well as the new Berwyn dental clinic. The total cost for both sites was \$26,280. In addition, Alivio Medical Center purchased \$13,720 for supplies and equipment towards the Berwyn site.

The total project expenses were \$40,000 (\$13,720 + \$26,280). Of the total, AMC utilized \$20,000 of the Illinois Community Health Foundation grant funds and \$20,000 from AMC's general operating funds. In addition, AMC received a \$10,000 grant from the Delta Dental Foundation towards the purchase of supplies for the Berwyn Dental Clinic.