

Growth and History

In 1996, free clinic directors from Michigan and Illinois met to discuss how they might support each other in providing health care to the uninsured. Out of this meeting evolved Free Clinics of the Great Lakes Region (FCGLR) -- now a seven state network of 250 clinics.

Later in 2000, the Michigan clinics organized a subset of FCGLR, the Free Clinics of Michigan (FCOM).

In 2013, 46 free clinics from across Michigan, serving a diverse clientele, and offering a range of medical and dental services belonged to FCOM.

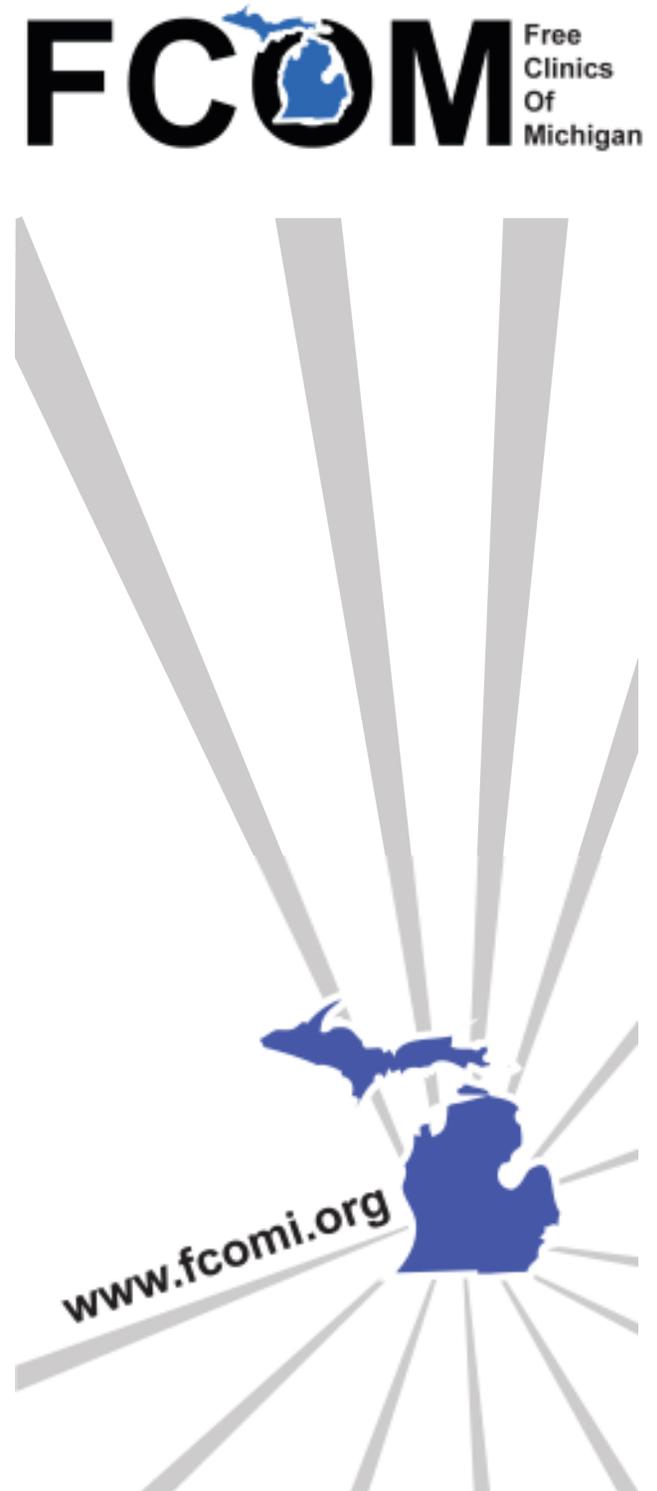


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About FCOM

Free Clinics of Michigan is a network of volunteer-staffed free clinics that provide health care services to the uninsured or medically underserved within the state of Michigan.

FCOM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, grassroots, volunteer organization.

Leadership is provided by a Board of Directors and a small administrative staff.

Mission

To improve access to healthcare through:

Advocacy
Mentoring
Networking

for and among its
member clinics

Functions of the Organization

Supports free clinic interests and provides resources in regards to pending healthcare reform.

Facilitates networking opportunities between member free clinics.

Supports the development of new clinics across the state.

Acts as an asset to free clinics, offering assistance with policies, resources, technology, programs and issues.

Meets at least twice annually to address topics of common interest.

Works with state officials and legislators to educate them regarding the needs of the uninsured and to influence public policy and legislation.

Administers the FCOM ListServ and other web-based resources for FCOM members.

Seeks funding to support activities of FCOM and its members.

Participates in and supports the activities of FCGLR, including the annual meeting

Joining Free Clinics of Michigan

Free clinics can apply for membership each year by submitting the membership application and annual dues. Clinics that actively participate in FCOM benefit from a network of generous, dedicated professionals, eager to support each other.

A qualifying free clinic is a private non-profit corporation that holds 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, has applied for such status, or operates as a program component under the oversight of a larger 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Services of the free clinic must be provided by a volunteer-based team of healthcare professionals dedicated to offering or facilitate access to free or low-cost health care to uninsured or underinsured people in their community



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