The Hidden Healthcare Crisis– And What BVMI is Doing About it

Every day, thousands of hardworking people go without the care they need—not by choice, but because they can't afford it.

For 16 years, BVMI has been providing compassionate, high-quality care that saves lives, reduces system costs, and helps people thrive.

The following facts highlight why BVMI exists, who we serve, and what's at stake.

18,000 people die every year due to a lack of access to care.

That's 2 people every hour.

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BVMI has provided care in over 101,000 patient visits since 2009, making critical services accessible to Bergen County's uninsured.

Uninsured women are 60% more likely to die from breast cancer due to late detection.

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BVMI connects over 300 women to mammograms annually and saved 7 lives last few years through early detection.

An ER visit in Hackensack costs $2,683, often the only option for uninsured adults.

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BVMI patients have an ER visit rate less than half the national average—because they receive regular, preventive care.

8 in 10 uninsured adults are from working families.

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Over 1,150 BVMI patients have moved on after improving their income—demonstrating real progress toward long-term stability.

More than 30% of BVMI patients have diabetes or pre-diabetes.

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BVMI's Diabetes Program has helped hundreds exceed national A1C benchmarks, preventing blindness, amputation, and kidney failure.

Nearly 10% of New Jersey households are food insecure.

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BVMI's case manager helps patients with food access, with 25% of all referrals addressing hunger alongside healthcare needs.

Heart disease is the #1 cause of death in the U.S.

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BVMI provides holistic care—from primary care to dietitian access—for patients facing obesity, diabetes, and hypertension.

Uninsured adults are less likely to access mental health care.

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Mental health visits at BVMI jumped 300%, since hiring a dedicated provider—proving the power of accessible care.

In Garfield, 14.2% of residents live in poverty and 19.5% are uninsured—triple the Bergen County average.

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To meet the needs of Southern Bergen County, BVMI is opening a new clinic, BVMI@UnityHealth—providing expert care with dignity and respect.

Join us in Saving Lives

Your support helps BVMI provide free, expert healthcare to Bergen County's most vulnerable.

Scan the QR code to donate today —

Every dollar brings care, hope, and healing for those who need it most.

Together, we can close the healthcare gap.