

Healthcare plays an essential role in voter access

Together, we can uplift our patients' voices in shaping local, state, & federal health policy, through the power of their vote. 83% of adults will visit a health space in the next year. Research shows that voter registration and turnout, especially in local elections, has a direct impact on health and public investment in health. Here is how we come in:



1993 VOTER REGISTRATION ACT

Spaces like healthcare facilities have been encouraged to conduct voter registration activities since the [1993 Voter Registration Act](#), the same law that designated DMVs and state offices that provide public assistance as voter registration agencies.



HIPAA

Because the patient inputs their own information in an opt-in fashion, this information is *not* subject to HIPAA regulations. [Learn more here.](#)



INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

All public health care institutions and all public or private non-profit, 501(c)(3) organizations [can operate voter registration drives](#) if they do so in a non-partisan manner, "without reference to any candidate or political party."



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

The Health Resources & Services Administration division of HHS provides [federal guidances](#) stating, "Health centers have discretion, to the extent permitted by applicable law, to support non-partisan voter registration efforts as a means of reducing barriers to civic engagement within the communities they serve."

Let's make an impact

Similarly to the Departments of Motor Vehicles, healthcare facilities can play an integral role in voter registration. Health touchpoints — like the University of Pennsylvania Health System, Massachusetts General Hospital, AltaMed Health Services, and 700+ more — have become a crucial part of the puzzle to keep voter registration information up to date and ensure that patient voices are included in local, state, and federal decisions about health policy and funding. Join the movement today with a new kind of prescription for a healthier democracy.