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A general health screening exam is performed each year on each qualifying patient by the in-house staff. Patients are usually seen at grower sites, at motels, in apartments and on occasion, at small town libraries, church basements or city parks. Ancillary services provided to patients include limited, CLIA-Waived laboratory studies such as HgbA1c, blood glucose monitoring, hemoglobins, lipid panels, rapid strep screens, dipstick UA, urine pregnancy tests and micral-albumin urine tests. Limited OTC medications are given to patients without charge while a small co-pay is requested for adult DT vaccinations or a 1-2 month supply of prescription medications (eg: antibiotics, oral hypoglycemics, antihypertensives. Additional care that cannot be provided by in-house staff are accomplished through vouchers with a prearranged network of contracted medical providers within the State of Iowa.
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