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NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH
AND COMMUNITY CARE

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The North Carolina Office of Rural Health and Community Care assists underserved communities and populations to develop innovative strategies for improving access, quality and cost-effectiveness of health care. We accomplish this mission in several ways:

State and local partnerships approach
Ownership vested in community partnerships
In-depth technical assistance provided on an on-going basis
Clear and measured accountability
Activities focused on improving the ability of communities to meet the health needs of underserved residents

Programs and Services Offered

Rural Health Centers Program – Through financial and technical assistance, the Office enables underserved rural communities to provide accessible quality primary medical services for all regardless of their ability to pay.

Medical, ~~and Dental~~ and Mental Health Placement – Committed to the recruitment and retention of primary medical, dental and psychiatric providers to rural and underserved areas of the state.

Prescription Assistance Program, NCRx – Provides prescription assistance software and technical assistance to community practices to assist their low-income residents in obtaining prescription drugs.

Rural Hospital Assistance Program – Assists small and vulnerable rural hospitals in developing networks and financial arrangements that can improve quality of services and financial sustainability.

Farmworker Health Program – Assists a statewide network of medical providers in delivering health care to migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families in the state.

Community Care of North Carolina – Program organized around community health networks across the state to improve the care of the Medicaid population while controlling costs through outcome-based quality assurance. The networks adopt best practices guidelines, manage high-risk patients and high-cost services, as well as build accountability among providers.

HealthNet – Supports communities' efforts to share and conserve resources in assuring primary care medical homes, prescription medications, care coordination and other healthcare services for uninsured adults. The HealthNet model links Community Care of North Carolina's existing provider networks to safety net providers of free and low cost services.

HPSA/MUP/MUA Review – Reviews by request for communities wishing to re-examine their designations as healthcare shortage areas for potential access to federal and other grant or funding opportunities.

Striving for access to primary medical services for all people residing in North Carolina regardless of their ability to pay.

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