

NC Free Clinic Association

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*North Carolina Office of
Rural Health and Community Care*

ORHCC's Mission

MISSION

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.

Programs & Resources

- Rural Health Centers Program
- Community Health Grants
- ✓ Medical and Dental Placement Services
- Prescription Assistance Program
- Rural Hospital Assistance Program
- Farmworker Health Program
- Community Care of North Carolina
- ✓ NC HealthNet Program
- Other Programs
 - ✓ CCNC-UP

NC HealthNet

Key Elements

- Links local safety net organizations and indigent care programs providing free and low-cost health care services for uninsured adults with CCNC's networks of physicians and services
- Communities receive technical assistance and grants to increase access and quality of care through coordinated delivery systems
- Networks include physicians, hospitals, public health departments, free clinics, rural health centers, community health centers, departments of social services, behavioral health, and other community-based safety net organizations
- Enrollees are provided a primary care medical home and access to specialty care, prescription medications, care coordination for chronic medical conditions, and other health care services

NC HealthNet

Program Status

- By the last quarter of 2009,
 -Funding 21 networks providing services for the uninsured in 38 counties
 -59,000+ individuals have a medical home
 -47,000+ individuals have access to needed prescription medications
- With SFY 10 appropriations of \$4.8 million, ORHCC is expecting to support 30 HealthNet networks serving the uninsured in 60 counties.

State Health Access Program

CCNC-UP

- North Carolina's SHAP Grant administered jointly by ORHCC and Division of Medical Assistance
- NC SHAP Team includes:
 - North Carolina Community Care Networks, Inc.
 - the North Carolina Institute of Medicine
 - the North Carolina Foundation for Advanced Health Programs
 - the Office of the Governor
- Primary Objective: develop CCNC-UP, a limited benefit plan providing enrollees with a medical home and emphasizing primary care, prevention, and chronic disease management

NC SHAP Project/CCNC-UP

Planned Activities

- Build upon CCNC and pilot CCNC-UP in 2 or 3 CCNC networks
- Target low-income (<133% FPL) uninsured parents of children with Medicaid, CHIP, or other health coverage
- Test administrative verification processes to help reduce procedural barriers and increase coverage for families
- Develop Sec. 1115 Waiver to offer Medicaid “lite” plan for uninsured parents in additional CCNC networks
- Develop public-private partnerships with private insurers using CCNC network providers to offer a medical home-limited benefit plan for small businesses

Medical and Dental Placement Services

Key Elements

- Recruit primary medical and dental providers
- Secure candidate pool from in-state residencies, nationwide mailings, and national clinical meetings
- Provide personal contact with providers and communities to assure quality matches
- Provide travel assistance to sites for provider and spouse
- Offer incentives to providers locating in areas of greatest need (loan repayment or service bonus)
- Make optimal use of National Health Service Corps resources

National Health Service Corps

Key Elements

- 2009: \$135 million
 - 39 new scholars
 - 977 new loan repayors
- \$300 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds (2009-11)
 - 114 new scholars
 - Approximately 3,300 new loan repayors
- Health Care Reform Act includes \$1.5 billion over five years, expecting to place 15,000 additional providers nationally
- As of 1/29/10, NHSC field strength in NC:
 - 17 scholars
 - 81 loan repayors
 - 64 primary medical care providers
 - 15 dental health providers
 - 19 mental health providers

NC Health Center Development Incubator Program

Key Elements

- Health care reform package contains \$11 billion in new funding for FQHCs over the next 5 years beginning October 1, 2010.
 - \$9.5 billion for expanding operational capacity
 - \$1.5 billion for capital needs
- NC Community Health Center Association (NCCHCA) has received grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust to help communities make competitive applications for FQHC funding and become viable and successful FQHCs.
- NC Health Center Development Incubator Program
 - 18 month process
 - Fosters community-level planning and application development
 - Assisting NCCHCA with project are ORHCC and Care Share Health Alliance

NC Health Center Development Incubator Program

Upcoming Events

- **Conference Call:** April 15, 2010 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 - FQHC Development for Free Clinics- featuring different models of development, strategies, approaches, and challenges
- **Regional Health Center Grant Development Trainings**
 - April 19-20: Northwest AHEC, Winston-Salem, NC
 - April 26-27: Cornerstone Family Life Center, Greenville, NC
- **2010 NCCHCA Annual Meeting and Primary Care Conference**
 - June 10-12: Asheville Renaissance Hotel, Asheville, NC
 - Pre-application clinics
- **Other Training Opportunities in Fall 2010 and CY 2011**
 - Governance
 - Special populations
 - New start-up
 - Clinical and quality initiative
 - Finance and operations
- **Information:** <http://www.ncchca.org/504849.html>

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