# **Community Care of North Carolina**

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- Develop a better healthcare system for NC starting with public payers (Medicaid)
- Strong primary care is foundational to a high performing system
- Additional resources needed to help primary care manage populations
- Timely data is essential to success

# Medicaid challenges



- Lowering reimbursement reduces access and increases ER usage/costs
- Reducing eligibility or benefits limited by federal "maintenance of effort"; raises burden of uninsured on community and providers
- The highest cost patients are also the hardest to manage (disabled, mentally ill, etc.) — CCNC has proven ability to address this challenge
- Utilization control and clinical management only successful strategy to reining in costs overall





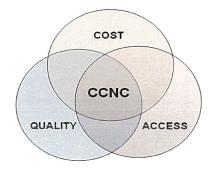
- Statewide medical home and care management system in place to address quality, utilization and cost
- 100 percent of all Medicaid savings remain in state
- A private sector Medicaid management solution that improves access and quality of care
- Medicaid savings that are achieved in partnership with

   rather than in opposition to doctors, hospitals and
   other providers.

# **Key Tenets of CCNC**



- Public-private partnership
- "Managed not regulated"
- CCNC is a clinical partnership, not just a financing mechanism
- Community-based, physician-led medical homes
- Cut costs primarily by greater quality, efficiency
- Providers who are expected to improve care must have ownership of the improvement process





- Improve the care of Medicaid population while controlling costs
- A "medical home" for patients, emphasizing primary care
- Community-based networks capable of managing recipient care
- Local systems that improve management of chronic illness in both rural and urban settings

### **CCNC: "How it works"**



- Primary care medical home available to 1.4 million individuals in all 100 counties.
- Provides 4,500 local primary care physicians with resources to better manage Medicaid population
- Links local community providers (health systems, hospitals, health departments and other community providers) to primary care physicians
- Every network provides local care managers (600), pharmacists (26), psychiatrists (14) and medical directors (20) to improve local health care delivery

## **CCNC:** "How it works"



- The state identifies priorities and provides financial support through an enhanced PMPM payment to community networks
- Networks pilot potential solutions and monitor implementation (physician led)
- Networks voluntarily share best practice solutions and best practices are spread to other networks
- The state provides the networks full access to claims data
- Cost savings/ effectiveness are evaluated by the state and third-party consultants (Mercer, Treo Solutions).

# **Community Care Networks**



- AccessCare Network Sites
- AccessCare Network Counties
- Community Care of Western North Carolina
- Community Care of the Lower Cape Fear
- Carolina Collaborative Community Care
- Community Care of Wake and Johnston Counties
- Community Care Partners of Greater Mecklenburg
- Carolina Community Health Partnership

- Community Care Plan of Eastern Carolina
- ☐ Community Health Partners
- Northern Piedmont Community Care
- Northwest Community Care
- Partnership for Health Management
- Community Care of the Sandhills
- Community Care of Southern Piedmont

Source: CCNC August 2012

## **Community Care Networks**



- Are non-profit organizations that receive a per-member, per-month (PMPM) payment from the state
- Primary care providers also receive a PMPM payment
- Provides resources needed to manage enrolled population, reducing costs
- Central office of CCNC is also a nonprofit 501(c)(3)
- Seek to incorporate all providers, including safety net providers
- Have Medical Management Committee oversight
- Hire care management staff

### **Each network has:**



- Clinical Director
  - ✓ A physician who is well known in the community.
  - Works with network physicians to build compliance with care improvement objectives
  - Provides oversight for quality improvement in practices
  - ✓ Serves on the Sate Clinical Directors Committee
- Network Director who manages daily operations
- Care Managers to help coordinate services for enrollees/practices
- PharmD to assist with Med management of high cost patients
- Psychiatrist to assist in mental health integration

# **Community Care's Informatics Center**



#### Informatics Center - Medicaid claims data

- Utilization (ED, Hospitalizations)
- Providers (Primary Care, Mental Health, Specialists)
- Diagnoses Medications Labs
- Costs
- Individual and Population Level Care Alerts

#### Real-time data

Hospitalizations, ED visits, provider referrals

# **Community Care's Informatics Center**



- Care Management Information System (CMIS)
- Pharmacy Home
- Quality Measurement and Feedback Chart Review System
- Informatics Center Reports on prevalence, high-opportunity patients, ED use, performance indicators
- Provider Portal

# **Chronic Care Program Components**



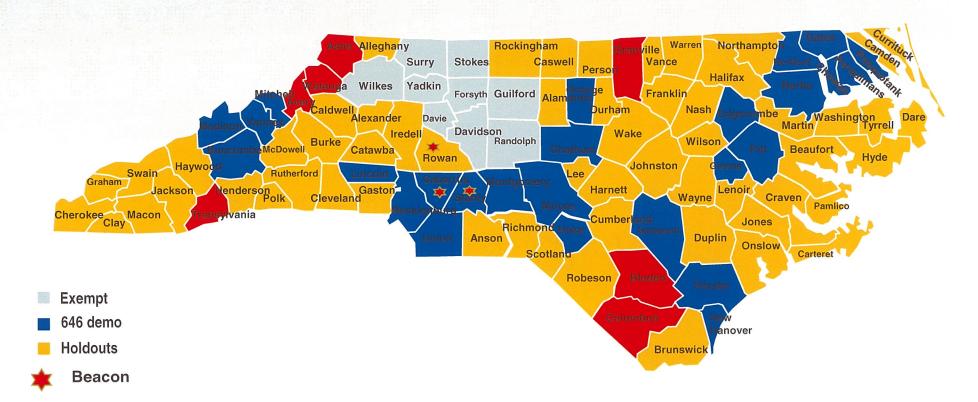
- Enrollment/Outreach
- Screening/Assessment/Care Plan
- Risk Stratification/ Identify Target Population
- Patient Centered Medical Home
- Transitional Support
- Pharmacy Home Medication Reconciliation, Polypharmacy & PolyPrescribing
- Care Management
- Mental Health Integration
- Informatics Center
- Self Management of Chronic Disease

# **Major initiatives**



- Multi-payer Advanced Primary Care Practice Project (MAPCP - 7 rural counties)
- Pregnancy Medical Home
- Care Coordination for Children (CC4C)
- Child Health Accountable Care Coalition (CHACC) CMMI Innovations Grant
- Medicare 646 demo (22 counties) caring for Medicare patients
- Beacon Community (3 counties), all payers
- Palliative Care
- Support for practices seeking PCMH recognition
- Chronic Pain Initiative

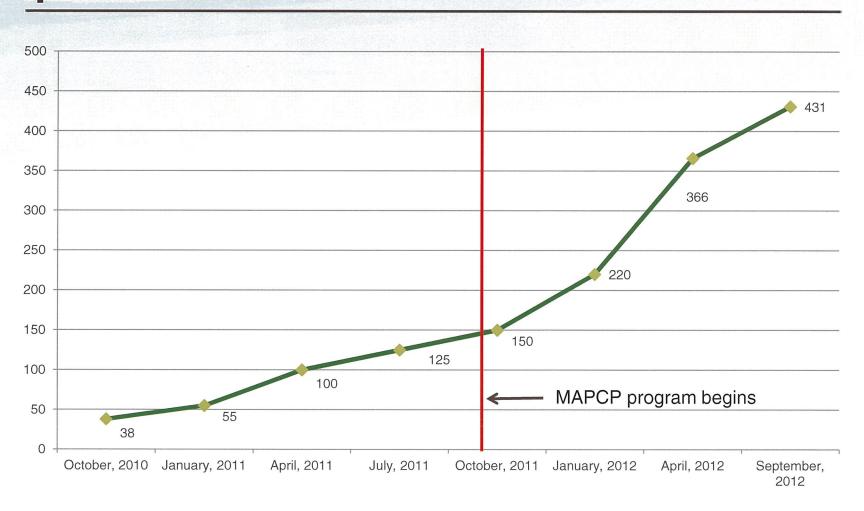
# 646 & Multi-payer Counties



Advanced multi-payer primary care demo

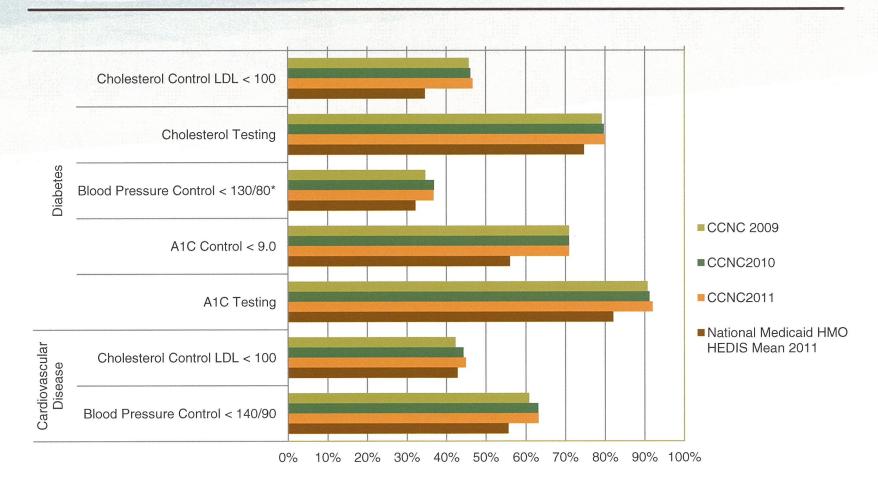
# NCQA-recognized PCMH practices in North Carolina





#### Quality comes first, savings ensue





<sup>\*</sup>Includes the benchmark for HEDIS Year 2010. As of HEDIS Year 2011, HEDIS is no longer reporting a benchmark for BP < 130/80.

### **Managing transitions**



- 190,000 NC Medicaid recipients admitted to the hospital each year; 31,000 multiple hospital admissions.
- Nearly 1 in 10 admissions is readmission within 30 days of a previous discharge.
- ABD only 25% of NC Medicaid recipients, but 40% of all inpatient admissions, two-thirds of potentially preventable readmissions, and 80% of total costs.
- ABD often multiple chronic physical and behavioral health conditions, polypharmacy, low health literacy, socioeconomic stress, and multiple physicians providing care.

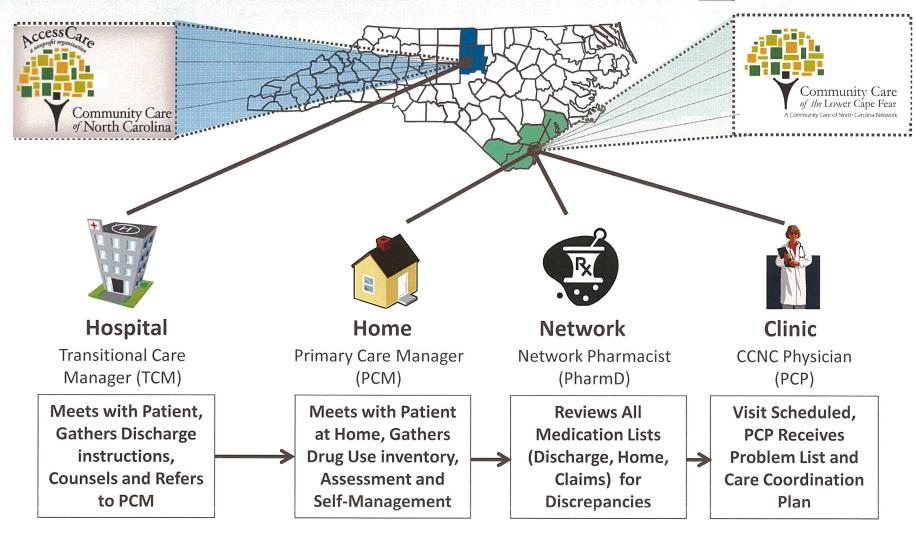




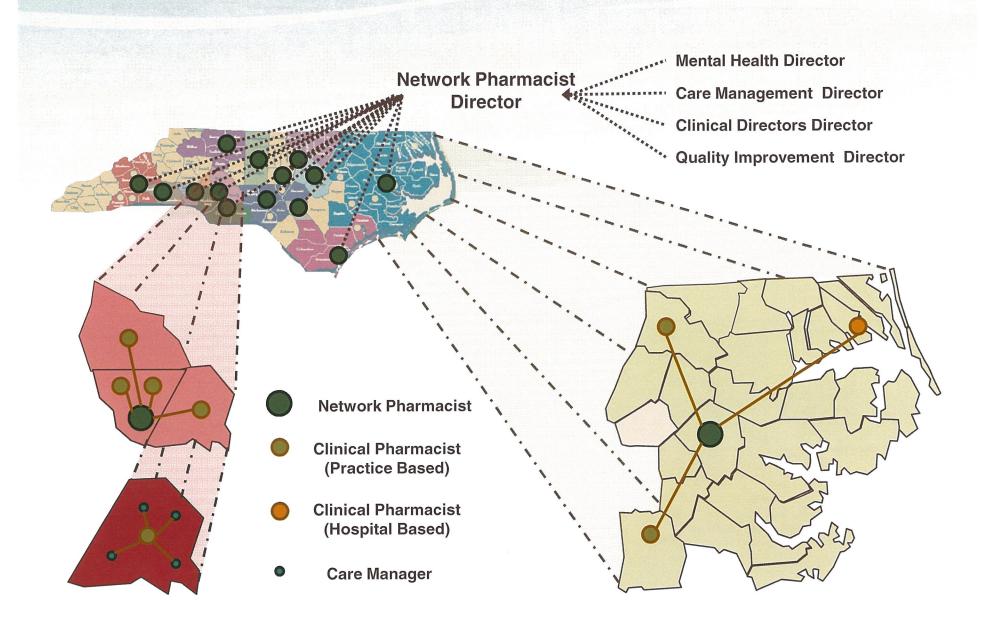
- Cross-hospital traffic common: 23% of readmissions within 30 days of discharge occur in a different facility.
- Cross-region traffic common: for large referral centers (e.g., Duke and UNC), half of all patients come from communities outside of the locally affiliated CCNC network of primary care medical homes.

# **Collaboration Across Geography**

(Patient Discharged from UNC, but lives in Onslow- Med Reconciliation Plus)

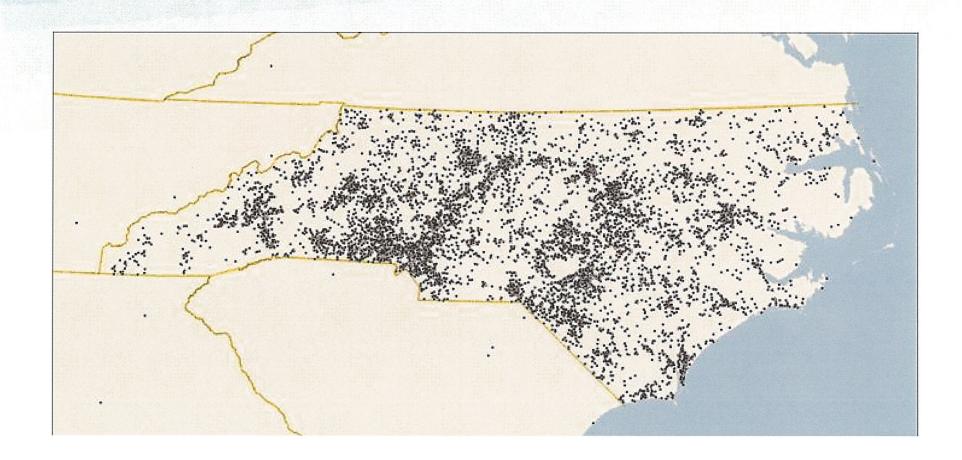


### **CCNC Pharmacy Programs Infrastructure**



# Scope and Reach of CCNC Transitional Care



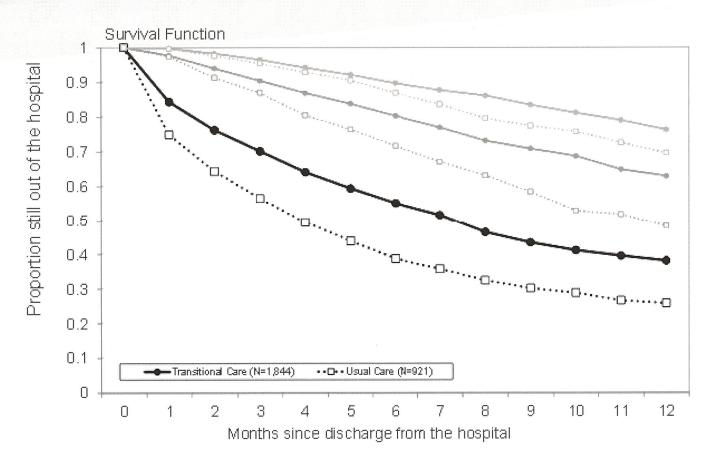


Each dot represents the location of a person who received transitional care during a 6-month period from May – October 2011.

# **Impact of Care Coordination**



Time to First Readmission for Patients Receiving Transitional Care Versus Usual Care Lighter shaded lines represent time from initial discharge to second and third readmissions (Significant Chronic Disease in Multiple Organ Systems, Levels 5 & 6)



## **Transitional Care**



- Real Impact: Complex chronic patients who received transitional care experienced a <u>20% reduction</u> in readmission rates compared to a similar cohort of Medicaid patients enrolled in a CCNC medical home who did not.
- Sustained Results: Differential still evident a year after discharge, with reduced likelihood of a second and third readmission during the year.
- High ROI: Providing transitional care to three of the highest-risk patients <u>prevents one hospital admission</u> in the year following discharge.
- Refined Process: We have refined our approach for targeting those patients most likely to benefit from transitional care.





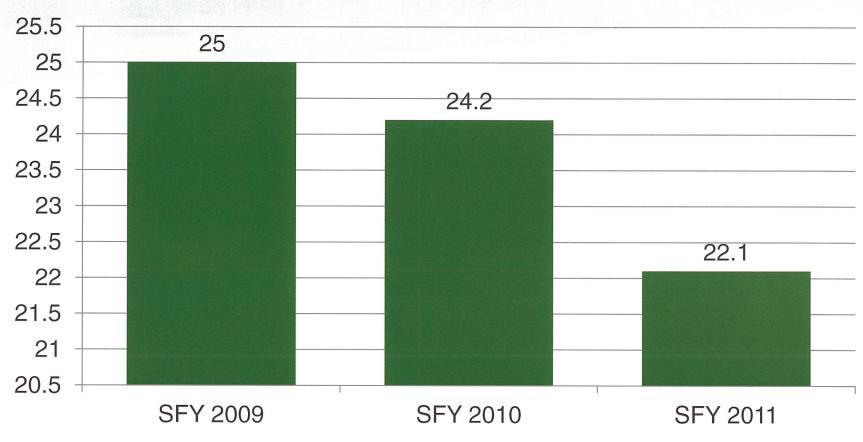
State Fiscal Year	Per-Member, Per-Month	Total Annual Savings
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200	\$15.69	204,000,000
200	9 \$20.89	295,000,000
201	\$25.40	\$382,000,000
		\$984,000,000

Analysis of Community Care of North Carolina Savings, Milliman, Inc. December 2011

# Medicaid Expenditures as Percent of Total State Expenditures: 2009 - 2011



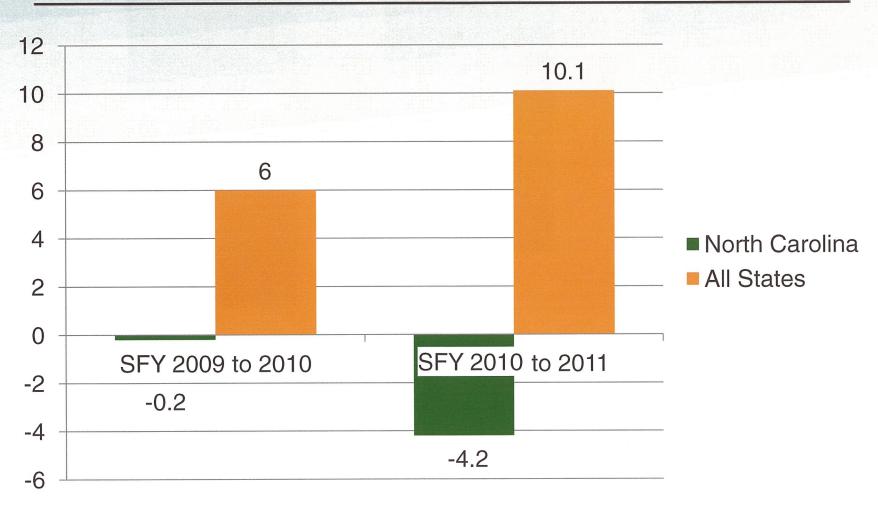
#### **North Carolina**



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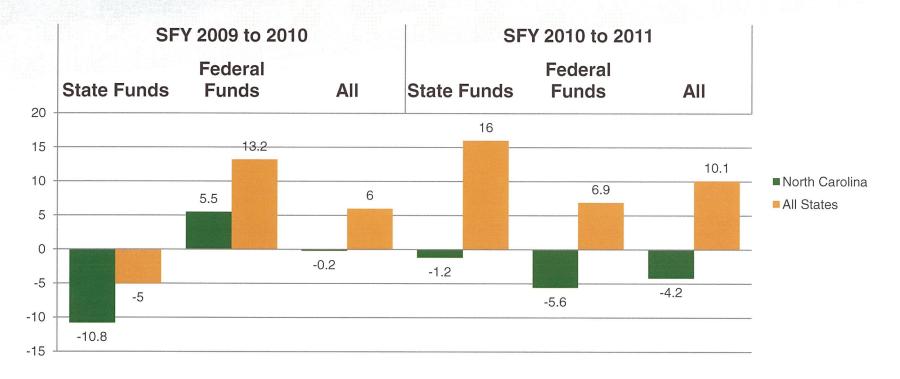


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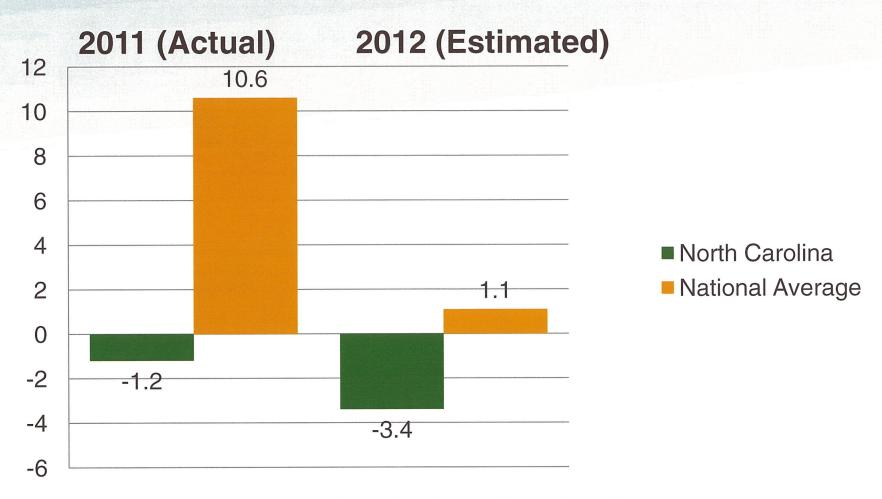


#### (State/ Federal / Total Components)



# **Annual Percentage Medicaid Growth Rate: 2011- 2012**



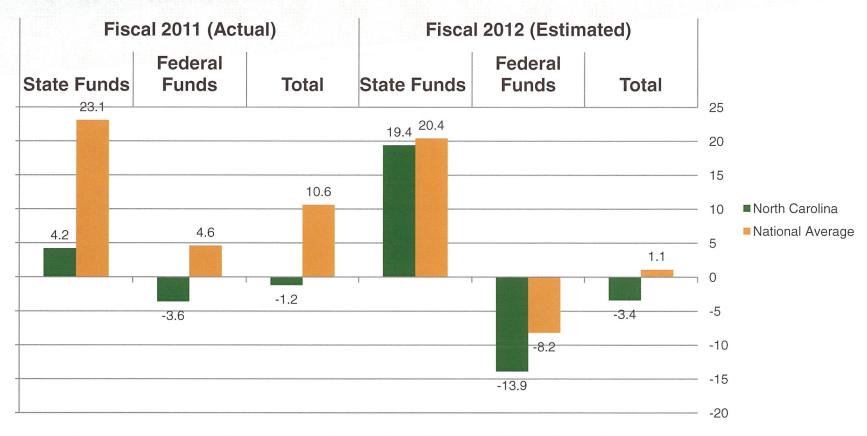


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# **Building on Success**



- Work with North Carolina's State Employee health plan
- New employer initiative with GlaxoSmithKline's North Carolina employees
- Improved governance through new 11-person board
- Continuing enhancements to Informatics Center and data analysis capabilities.

# **CCNC** advantage



- Flexible structure that invests in the community (rural and urban) -- provides local jobs
- Fully implemented in all 100 counties
- All the savings are retained by the State of North Carolina
- Very low administrative costs
- Ability to manage the entire Medicaid population (even the most difficult) and other populations
- Proven, measurable results
- Team effort by NC providers that has broad support
- Collaborative

### **Lessons Learned**



- Primary Care is foundational
- Data essential (timely and patient specific)
- Additional community based resources to help manage populations needed (best is located in practice)
- Collaborative local networks builds local accountability and collaboration among specialists and Primary care
- Physician leadership essential
- Must be flexible (healthcare is local) and incremental
- Make wise choices of initiatives (where you can make a difference - success breeds success)
- Risk taking not essential- shared accountability is!

#### Want to Know More?

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