

Office of Rural Health and Community Care

Purpose: To assist underserved communities and populations to develop innovative strategies for improving access, quality, and cost-effectiveness of health care.

Key Services:

Rural Health Centers

Operational, technical and capital support is provided to a network of rural health centers, thus increasing primary care access for rural residents regardless of their ability to pay.

Of services administered by ORH, Rural Health Centers represents 11% of the total budget and 17% of the appropriated budget. The SFY 11-12 budget for Rural Health Centers totals \$3.7M of which 11% is supported with receipts and 89% state appropriations.

Medical, Psychiatric, and Dental Provider Recruitment

The Office serves as the lead agency for recruitment of primary medical, mental health, and dental care providers to North Carolina's underserved rural communities and provides recruitment and retention loan repayment incentives for those providers locating in the hardest to recruit for communities.

Of services administered by ORH, Medical, Psychiatric, and Dental Provider Recruitment represents 14% of the total budget and 11% of the appropriated budget. The SFY 11-12 budget for Medical, Psychiatric, and Dental Provider Recruitment totals \$5M of which 57% is supported with receipts and 43% state appropriations. 93% of the appropriated funding for this service is used to match federal funds.

NC Health Net

Meshes the volunteer spirit of NC's community physicians, hospitals, health departments, community and rural health centers, and other community-based organizations affiliated with Community Care of NC by working collaboratively, sharing and conserving scarce resources, and finding medical homes for the indigent and uninsured.

Of services administered by ORH, NC Health Net represents 14% of the total budget and 26% of the appropriated budget. The SFY 11-12 budget for NC Health Net totals \$4.9M of which 1% is supported with receipts and 99% state appropriations.

Uninsured and Indigent Grants

Funds are allocated to strengthen North Carolina's network of health care safety-net providers enabling them to address the access problems that uninsured and indigent patients encounter in seeking primary medical and preventative care.

Of services administered by ORH, Uninsured and Indigent Grants represent 20% of the total budget and 36% of the appropriated budget. The SFY 11-12 budget for Uninsured and Indigent Grants total \$6.9M of which 100% is supported state appropriations.

Medication Assistance

Provides technical assistance to rural health centers, community health centers, community and faith-based organizations in offering access to pharmaceutical manufacturer's free and low-cost drugs for uninsured and low-income residents.

Of services administered by ORH, Medication Assistance represents 2% of the total budget and 3% of the appropriated budget. The SFY 11-12 budget for Medication Assistance totals \$649K of which 4% is supported with receipts and 96% state appropriations.