COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE IN RURAL NORTH CAROLINA

NC Office of Rural Health

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Programs at Office of Rural Health

**Placement and HPSA Services**
Recruit providers and designates health professional shortage areas

**NC Rural Health Centers**
Supports state designated rural health centers that serve the entire community

**NC Community Health Grants**
Supports the primary care safety net system with increasing access to health care for vulnerable populations

**NC Farmworker Health Program**
Supports medical, dental and educational services for members of the North Carolina agricultural labor force and their families

**Rural Health Information Technology Program**
Provides technical assistance to improve the use of Electronic Health Record (EHR) Systems and the use of health information exchange

**NC Rural Hospital Program**
Funds operational improvement projects for the benefit of all critical access hospitals and eligible small rural hospitals

**NC Medication Assistance Program**
Provides free and low-cost medications donated by pharmaceutical manufacturers to patients who cannot afford them

**NC Statewide Telepsychiatry Program**
Supports psychiatric evaluation of patients through videoconferencing technology in emergency departments

**NC Integrated Health Systems**
Supports community health initiatives and demonstration projects that benefit vulnerable populations
Office of Rural Health
Service Points and Coverage Map
SFY 2017

Legend
Service Points Receiving ORH Support
- State Designated Rural Health Center (17 Sites)
- Medication Assistance Program Coverage (103 sites)
- Community Health Grantees (42 Sites)
- Critical Access and Rural Hospitals (33 Sites)
- Telepsychiatry Sites (42 Sites)

Number of County-Wide ORH Programs (Integrated Health Systems, NC Farmworker Health, and Professional Placements)
- 1 Program (33 Counties)
- 2 Programs (32 Counties)
- 3 Programs (35 Counties)

Note: Sites may cover multiple counties in addition to its designated county location.
North Carolina Office of Rural Health
Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA)

Counties with a Population or Geographic Primary Care HPSA (79 Counties)

Counties with at least One Facility Auto-HPSA or an Other Facility HPSA (49 Counties)

Disclaimer: Primary Site only, does not include Correctional Facilities or Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) satellite sites

Data as of January 3, 2017

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Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA)

Counties with a Geographic or Population Mental Health HPSA (84 Counties)

Counties are reviewed for HPSA designation by request.
Some counties that are not currently designated may qualify for HPSA designation.

Data as of December 12, 2017
North Carolina Office of Rural Health
Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA)

Counties with a Population or Geographic Dental Health HPSA (73 Counties)

Counties with at least One Facility Auto-HPSA or an Other Facility HPSA (45 Counties)

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Data as of January 3, 2017
Leading Causes of Death in Nonmetropolitan and Metropolitan Areas


Potentially Excess Deaths in Nonmetropolitan areas < 80 years old

Percentage of potentially excess deaths among persons aged <80 years for five leading causes of death in nonmetropolitan areas – National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2010 - 2014

Potentially Excess Deaths in Nonmetropolitan & Metropolitan areas < 80 years old

Percentage of potentially excess deaths among persons aged <80 years for five leading causes of death in nonmetropolitan and metropolitan areas – National Vital Statistics System, United States 2014

In 2015, how many deaths might not have occurred in rural North Carolina if it were more like the states with the lowest death rates?

- **Heart Disease** (1,342 deaths)
- **Cancer** (889 deaths)
- **Unintentional Injury** (665 deaths)
- **Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases** (486 deaths)
- **Stroke** (256 deaths)