



NORTH CAROLINA FACT SHEET

AAFP on Health Reform

The AAFP believes that policies should be adopted to ensure continued progress towards health care for all supported by a payment system that rewards value of care over volume of service. The health system should promote prevention and wellness, protect patients from financial barriers to needed services and build a primary care physician workforce that can meet the growing demand for care.

North Carolina Family Medicine

- There are 3,161 family physicians in North Carolina.
- North Carolina has 14 family medicine residency programs.
- North Carolina has 111 medically underserved areas/populations.
- 4.3% of the residents in North Carolina live in a health professional shortage area.

Medicaid in North Carolina

- In 2015, 18% of people in North Carolina were covered by Medicaid/CHIP.
- Medicaid/CHIP enrollment increased by 400,000 between 2013 and 2016.
- North Carolina's uninsured rate decreased from 15% in 2013 to 11% in 2015.
- In North Carolina, 74% of adult and child Medicaid enrollees live in households with at least one worker.
- In North Carolina, 31% of Medicaid spending is for Medicare beneficiaries.¹

Impact of the Better Care Reconciliation Act (HR 1628 being considered by the US Senate)

- 1,348,300 people in the state of North Carolina would lose their health coverage by 2026.²
- In North Carolina, 1,658,000 non-elderly adults have a declinable preexisting condition.³
- In North Carolina, premiums would rise. For example, if a 40-year-old in Raleigh, earning \$30,000 a year, purchased a silver plan they would pay a \$880 increase in premium. A 60-year-old would pay a \$4,580 increase in premium.⁴
- The BCRA would limit access to substance abuse treatment by cutting Medicaid. In North Carolina, 1,567 people died of overdose deaths in 2015.⁵

¹ *Medicaid State Fact Sheets*. (2017, January 26). Retrieved from <http://kff.org/interactive/medicaid-state-fact-sheets/>

² Gee, Emily. (2017, June 27). *Coverage Losses by State for the Senate Health Care Repeal Bill*. Retrieved from <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/healthcare/news/2017/06/27/435112/coverage-losses-state-senate-health-care-repeal-bill/>

³ Claxton, Gary, Cynthia Cox, Anthony Damico, Larry Levitt, and Karen Pollitz. (2016, December 12). *Pre-existing Conditions and Medical Underwriting in the Individual Insurance Market Prior to the ACA*. Retrieved from <http://kff.org/health-reform/issue-brief/pre-existing-conditions-and-medical-underwriting-in-the-individual-insurance-market-prior-to-the-aca/>

⁴ Premiums and Tax Credits under the Affordable Care Act vs. the Senate Better Care Reconciliation Act: Interactive Maps. (2017, June 23). Retrieved from <http://www.kff.org/interactive/premiums-and-tax-credits-under-the-affordable-care-act-vs-the-senate-better-care-reconciliation-act-interactive-maps/>

⁵ *Drug Overdose Death Data*. (2016, December 16). Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/data/statedeaths.html>

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