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## Our High-Performing Network Attracts Positive Attention

From Allen Dobson, MD, Chairman

As I shared in last month's newsletter, CCPN will begin regional meetings this month across the state, reaching out to our members about critical issues in this new healthcare environment.

Just as the medical landscape is changing, this organization is growing. Each month CCPN adds independent clinicians who serve patients in primary care, adult, pediatric, OB and behavioral health practices. So, our regional meetings will present valuable opportunities for members to interact with a growing number of practitioners across disciplines.



Our growth has another benefit as well. For health plans and payers, CCPN represents a single organization with access to a high-performing network of approximately 2,021 clinicians in more than 627 practices across a statewide footprint. That creates efficiencies for plans and payers that we believe ultimately will result in incentives for our participating clinicians under value based reform efforts.

In addition to potential positive results related to payers and plans, as a member of CCPN you and your practice also benefit as a part of:

- A high-performing network of independent clinicians working to improve the health of all patients in North Carolina.
- A non-exclusive network that provides programs and tools that enhance the quality, efficiency and market value of your services.
- A statewide medical home infrastructure with long-established relationships with local community partners and organizations.
- A collaborative and physician-led organization working to support clinicians as they transition to value-based care and the new health care environment.

All of this is important, as big changes are ahead for Medicaid and the healthcare landscape in general. Payers are interested in contracting with a value-added primary care network. Do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or updates on our payer discussions. As chair of your Board of Managers, I want to personally thank you for your ongoing efforts to improve health care quality in North Carolina. If I or any member of our team can assist you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## Resource Corner

- [August](#)

Medicaid Bulletin

- Medicaid's Provider Fingerprinting Implementation began July 30. For details, see the link at [NCTracks](#)



## Meet Dr. Rueben Rivers, CCPN Board of Managers, Cumberland Internal Medicine, Fayetteville



*Dr. Rueben Rivers of Cumberland Internal Medicine was nominated to the CCPN Board of Managers by Carolina Collaborative Community Care (4C.) He joined the CCPN Board of Managers in May. Dr. Rivers shared the following about himself and his vision for CCPN:*

I have been in independent private practice since 1982, delivering adult Internal Medicine to patients in my community.

As a member of the CCPN Board of Managers, I represent greater than 100 practitioners in my region. I am an extension of the voice of those practitioners, and my responsibility is to act on their behalf. I am pleased to bring my 35 years in private practice as a doctor for

adults to this new leadership role with CCPN.

As a member of the Board of Managers, I believe the opportunity facing CCPN is multi-pronged:

- 1) Listening to independent physicians and their concerns
- 2) Leveraging their expertise to the benefit of independent practitioners
- 3) Lobbying on the behalf of independent practitioners
- 4) Assisting independent practitioners with understanding the ongoing changes in the healthcare landscape.

The viability of staying independent due to the changes within the financial and regulatory environment is the most serious issue North Carolina physicians are facing in their practices.

CCPN can and should play an important part in making our independent practices stronger and more agile. I am glad to be a part of this shared mission. It is vitally important.

## CCPN Board of Managers

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*Attendees review  
payment models at the  
CCPN Practice  
Managers' Meeting  
held July 26 in  
Winston-Salem.*



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## 3 Questions For You

CCPN is exploring creative ways to take advantage of the negotiating strength inherent in a larger population to lower risk and reduce costs for employee healthcare.

Please let us know if your practice may be interested by responding to the following three-question survey at the link below:

[Survey](#)



## Tell Us What's Changed

Have clinicians joined or left your group?

Have you recently changed addresses, phone numbers, or tax identification numbers?

Please let us know!

## Getting Involved

Want to know more about CCPN committees and how you can get involved with CCPN?

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## Quality Focus:

### Gaston Medical Integrates Behavioral Health into Practice Protocol

Gaston Medical Associates, located in the Community Health Partners (CHP) network, has been both a CCPN and a Practice Transformation Network (PTN) participant since March 2016.

The practice had a key interest in Behavioral Health Integration, and this was reinforced after the CHP PTN Coach, Megan Wilson, conducted their baseline PTN practice assessment.

After an initial collaborative meeting that included the practice physician, Dr. Fola Ajao, work began moving forward. Erin Greene, BHI Specialist at Community Care of Southern Piedmont (CCSP) has been working with Gaston Medical Associates for the past several months on BHI in collaboration with Dr. Karen

Melendez (Network Psychiatrist for CCSP, CCPGM, CHP), Anne Wheeler (BH Coordinator at CHP) and Megan Wilson (CHP PTN coach).

Gaston Medical Associates is interested in implementing the Collaborative Care Model of integrated care, in an effort to better manage patients with depression. Over the last couple of months they have successfully begun implementing important pieces of the model, including depression care management, and recently started billing the new Medicare G codes for integrated care. Great work and collaboration is taking place in this practice.

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## CCPN Mission Statement

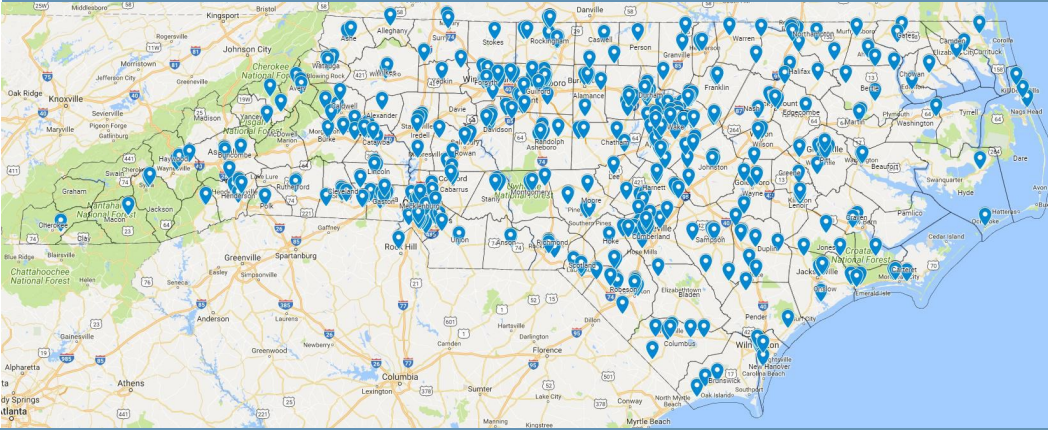
Our mission is to establish a physician-led, innovative, high performing enterprise across NC, which will support continuous quality improvement through evidence-based data metrics and best practices. We will strive to lower operating cost and support reimbursement models which reflect the value of the care provided and allow practices and patients to thrive.

## CCPN Vision Statement

To create a network of exceptional healthcare providers who prosper through optimizing quality improvement and patient outcomes in a value-based healthcare environment.

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## CCPN: Spanning North Carolina



As of August 1, 2017

627 Practices

2,021 Clinicians

## Welcome New Practices

Generations Family Practice

The Mount Zion Medical Clinic, PA

## Burlington Physician Wins Doctor-of-the-Year Honor

This spring, CCPN physician Karin R. Minter, MD, MPH, FAAP, was named 2017 NC Doctor of the Year by the North Carolina Medical Society.

Dr. Minter is a pediatrician with Burlington Pediatrics in Burlington, where she has practiced medicine since 2006.

The Doctor of the Year selection process started in February when patients, colleagues, family and friends nominated doctors from across the state who they felt exemplified the best qualities of caring, compassion,



clinical expertise and community involvement. Doctors were nominated through the NC Doctors' Day website.

In mid-March, 10 finalists were selected by peers from among the nominees.

Dr. Minter was the top vote-getter among the 22,588 online votes cast.

The award came with a \$5,000 prize to further a professional or community project of the winner's choosing. Dr. Minter donated her award to two charities: Alamance County Partnership for Children and Reach Out and Read of Alamance County.

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