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- Interested in learning more about Medicaid Reform in North Carolina? [Click here](#) to read the full **1115 demonstration application**.
- The North Carolina Pediatric Society will host its Annual Meeting August 19-21 in Pinehurst at the Pinehurst Resort. [Click here](#) for additional information or to get registered.

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Medicaid Reform: Where Are We?

From Allen Dobson, MD, Chairman



In September 2015, North Carolina passed a law to change the way Medicaid services are delivered and how they are paid for in our state. The changes will move Medicaid from a traditional fee-for-service program to one that pays Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and Provider Led Entities (PLEs) a capitated amount per beneficiary that chooses their plan.

Making this change requires federal approval and extensive review.

This spring the state prepared a draft federal waiver related to this change and posted it for public comment from March 7 to April 18. During that same time 12 [public hearings](#) were held across the state, providing attendees the opportunity to comment and express thoughts on the draft waiver. On June 1, Governor Pat McCrory signed off on the final application, and it was submitted to the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). On June 29, the NC Department of Health and Human Services received a **letter of completion** from CMS. The CMS public comment period has begun and runs from June 20 – July 20. We encourage you to review the waiver. Comments can be submitted and viewed on the [CMS website](#).

We still are early in this multi-year process, but I am very pleased that CCPN and CCNC remain in an excellent position to have a significant role now and post reform. I anticipate CCPN will be highly recruited by MCOs as a provider network, and it will serve as a tool to ensure unnecessary administrative burdens are kept to a minimum. We look forward to discussing this in more detail with you in the future as we work to maintain North Carolina's nationally respected primary care infrastructure.

CCPN Meet and Greet:

We are pleased to announce we will be attending the upcoming NC Pediatric Society's Annual Meeting in Pinehurst NC, August 19-21. CCPN will host a free reception at the Pinehurst Resort the evening of Friday, August 19. CCPN Leadership will be on hand to "meet and greet" and share CCPN's vision. This is an excellent opportunity to meet fellow CCPN members and to help us recruit new members. CCPN is committed to building a network that represents the specific needs of pediatric practices. Don't miss this special opportunity.

Webinar Mini-Series Update:

Tentatively mark your calendar for August 16 and 30 for a free two-part mini-series entitled "**Getting Paid in 2019—MACRA and the MIPS**," presented Dr. Chip Watkins, CCPN Physician Consultant. The time is yet to be confirmed. We are working to get CME attached to the series. You will need to participate on the live calls to receive CME. However, a recorded option will be archived and available after the live series, though CME credits cannot be earned. More details to follow soon via email! These webinars will guide you through the new MACRA law, the new Medicare payment reform law and their implications on Merit-Based Incentive Programs (MIPS), alternative payment models (APM) and the opportunities they present in North Carolina.

Get Involved!

If you or your staff want to help guide the direction and priorities of CCPN, we encourage your participation on one or more of our governance committees. Currently there are eight standing committees. These include:

- Bylaws and Governance Committee
- Audit and Finance Committee
- Medical Informatics and Technology Committee
- Membership and Credentialing Committee
- Quality Improvement and Quality Assurance Committee
- Marketing and Education Committee
- Payer Contracting Committee

Each committee plans to meet monthly, and meetings will be conducted by conference call and/or Go To Meetings, and if or when the need arises, in-person. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Shelley Keir at skeir@n3cn.org.



Meet Debbie Ainsworth, M.D., CCPN Board of Managers

I, like many other pediatricians in the state, am an independent, physician-owned private practice. Like many of my other colleagues I live and work outside of the Triangle area.

Years ago, when managed care organizations threatened to take over the North Carolina Medicaid system, we were encouraged and challenged by

then DHHS Secretary David Bruton—himself a pediatrician—to band together or risk being taken over. So we banded together in our region, and the result was AccessCare, one of the first three pilot projects for physician-driven managed care of our

state's Medicaid population. This program laid the essential foundation for what was to become Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC).

Across the state, providers "banded together" under CCNC. The result was 14 networks, covering all 100 counties in North Carolina, and a solid primary care infrastructure, which is now recognized nationally for its

innovation and impact. Innovative strategies, pilot projects, and evidence-based best practice guidelines have come from the collective efforts of all involved with CCNC.

I would have never had the time or expertise to improve my practice of medicine without

the structure of CCNC. We are too busy taking care of patients, raising our own families and being a part of our local community. As the current structure of CCNC faces change under reform, independent providers need another structure to move forward in this rapidly changing world of medicine.



This is where I see CCPN to be our next step. In the payment and insurance world, pediatricians is what my friend calls "budget dust."

Healthy children don't cost all that much. But taking care of them is most of what we do. To have any influence over adequate payments for all the care, education and guidance of what we do every day, we must band together and have one strong voice for our children.

Current Member Practices

(enrolled as of July 8, 2016)

As of July 8, 2016, a total of 1,016 clinicians are now a part of the Community Care Physician Network. For a list of practices see below and on the following pages.

A Brighter Future
ABC Pediatrics of Dunn
Advance Family and Sports Medicine Center
Ahoskie Pediatrics
Ajey B. Golwala, MD
Albemarle Pediatrics
Alleghany Family Medicine
Alpha Medical Center
Appalachian Family Practice
Archdale-Trinity Pediatrics
Ardmore Family Practice
Ashe Pediatrics
Asheboro Children's Health
Belmont Medical Associates PLLC
Bertie County Health Department
Best Clinic, PLLC
Bland Clinic

Bliss Medical Group
Blue Ridge Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, Inc.
Boiling Springs Pediatric and Family Medicine
Burke Primary Care
Burlington Pediatrics
C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc.
Cabarrus Health Alliance
Caldwell County Health Department
Calvary Pediatrics
Camden County Health Department
Cape Carteret Pediatrics and Family Practice

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Current Member Practices

Cape Center Pediatrics
Cape Fear Family Medical Care
Carmel Pediatrics
Carolina General and Integrative Medicine
Carolina Medical Associates
Carolina Pediatrics Group
Carolina Pediatrics of the Triad
Carolina Primary Care and Women's Health
Carolina Rheumatology and Internal Medicine
Carrboro Pediatrics and Internal Medicine
Carteret Clinic for Adolescents and Children
Carteret County Health Department
Carteret OB/GYN Associates
Carter's Circle of Care
Cary's Children's Clinic
Catawba Pediatric Associates
Cedar Creek Family Medicine PLLC
Central Carolina Medical Clinic
Chapel Hill Children and Adolescents Clinic
Chapel Hill Pediatrics and Adolescents
Chatham Pediatrics
Choice Pediatrics
Chowan County Health Department
Christian G. Anderson, MD PA
Cleveland Pediatrics
Coastal Children's Clinic
Coastal Southeastern Family Practice
Concord Children's Clinic
Cotton Grove Family Physicians
Covenant Pediatrics
Cox Family Practice
Craven County Health Department
Cross Creek Medical Clinic
Crown Clinic
Cumberland Children's Clinic
Cumberland Family Practice
Cumberland Internal Medicine
Currituck County Health Department
Dayspring Family Medical
DeSantis Family Practice
Dunn-Erwin Medical Center, Inc.
Duplin County Health Department
Eastern Carolina Geriatrics Associates and Family Center
Eastern Carolina Medical Center
Eastern Carolina Pediatrics
Eastover Family Care
Eastowne Family Physicians
Edgewater Medical Center
Edward L. Hawkins, MD
Elitecare of Fayetteville
Elkin Pediatric and Adult Medicine
Evans Blount Community Health Center
Evergreen Health Promotion
Excel Pediatrics
Family Care Associates of Montgomery County, PA
Family Care Clinic
Family Medical Associates of Raleigh
Fayetteville Children's Clinic
Fayetteville Internal Medicine
Ferncreek Primary Care
First Care Medical Clinic, PA
First Stop Medical Center
Five Points Medical Center
Four Jewels Healthways
France Medical Center
Friendly Urgent and Family Care
Gaston Medical Associates
Gates County Health Department
Goldsboro Pediatrics
Goldsboro Quick Care
Granite Falls Family Medical Center-
Greensboro Pediatricians, Inc.
Greenway Medical Associates
Growing Child Pediatrics
Guilford County Department of Public Health
Health Zone
High Point Pediatrics
High Rock Internal Medicine
Hildebran Medical Clinic
Himanshu P. Parikh, MD
Hodges Family Practice, Inc.
Hope Mills Urgent Care
Horizon Internal Medicine
Integrative Wellness Center, PLLC
Jacksonville Allergy, Asthma and Sinus Clinic
Jacksonville Behavioral and Mental Health
Jacksonville Children's and Family Care
Jacksonville Children's Clinic
Jacksonville Gastroenterology
Jacksonville Urgent Care
Jaime E. Trujillo, MD PA - The Salem Center
Jamal Kamala, MD
James McGrath, MD, PLLC
John R. Mann, MD Family Practice
Johnston County Public Health Department
Jonathan Weston, MD
Kernersville Primary Care
Kid's Care Pediatrics
Kids First Pediatrics
Kidz Pediatrics
Kings Clinic and Urgent Care
Kings Mountain Pediatrics
Kinston Pediatric Associates
Lake Jeantette Urgent Care
Laurel Hill Medical Center
Lax Chudasama, MD
Lenoir Family Medicine
Lexington Internal Medical Care
Lexington Internal Medicine Clinic
Life Enhancement Medical Service
Lifelink Medical Group
Lillington Family Medical Center
Lincoln Internal Medicine
Little Oaks Pediatrics
Lumber River Family Practice
Lumberton Children's Clinic
Lumberton Family and Urgent Care
Lumberton Internal Medicine Group
Maria Medical Center
Maruthi Pediatrics
Mathews Internal Medicine
McM Pediatric and Adolescent Home Practice

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Current Member Practices

Medical Arts Family Practice
Med-Mart Primary and Urgent Care
Metrolina Internal Medicine
Mountain Laurel Internal Medicine
Mountain View Pediatrics
Newton Family Physicians
North Wake Pediatrics
Northlake Pediatric Care
Northside Urgent Care
Northwest Pediatrics
NP Primary Care
OIC Family Medical Center at Happy Hill
Old Town Immediate Care
Pasquotank County Health Department
Pediatric Associates of Cleveland County
Pediatrician's Urgent Care
Pembroke Pediatrics
Perquimans County Health Department
Physicians Eldercare
Physicians Home Visits
Pineville Pediatrics
Pinnacle Family Care, PLLC
Pirate Pediatrics
Pitt County Health Department
Pleasant Garden Family Medicine
Polyclinic Medical Center
Premier Health Center
Premier Pediatrics
Primecare Medical Center
Primedical Healthcare
R & R Pediatrics, PLLC
Raeford Pediatrics
Rainbow Kids Pediatrics
Rainbow Pediatrics of Fayetteville
Raleigh Primary Care Medicine
Randy Long, MD
Rapha Health System
Renuka S. Harsh, MD
Richlands Children's and Family Care
Richmond Pediatrics
Roanoke Clinic
Roanoke Valley Internal Medicine
Revelstone Family Practice
Robert A. Krause, MD
Robeson Family Practice
Robeson Family Practice Pediatrics
Robeson Pediatrics
Rockingham County Department of Health and Human Services
Rockingham Internal Medicine Associates
Rockingham Medical Clinic
Rocky Mount OIC Family Medical Practice
RPK Center for Rehab Spine and Pain Management
Rubin Pediatrics
Rudisill Family Practice
Sandhills Pediatrics, Inc.
Sanford Pediatrics
Shah and Associates Family Practice
Shelby Medical Associates
Shifa Pediatric Clinic
Smithfield Crossings Family Healthcare
Sneeds Ferry Pediatrics and Family Practice
Sol Medical Group
Spindale Family Practice
StatCare Urgent Care and Primary Care
Summit Family Medicine
Sunshine Pediatrics
Surf Pediatrics and Medicine
Swansboro Childrens and Family Care
Swisher Internal Medicine
Thomasville OB-GYN
Thomasville Pediatrics
Tots-N-Teens Pediatrics
Triangle Primary Care Associates
Trinity Urgent Care and Family Practice
The Child Health Center
The Mental Health Fund, Inc.
The Purcell Clinic
Triangle Premier Women's Health, PA
Unifour Pediatrics
Universal Family Medicine
Uwharrie Medical Center
Village Pediatrics
Wakefield Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine
Washington Pediatrics
Western Wake Pediatrics
Wilkes County Health Department
Winston-Salem Pediatrics Highroad
Women's Healthcare Associates

Leadership Expands

In June, CCPN welcomed **Greg Adams, M.D., of Blue Ridge Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine to the Board of Managers.**

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*Additional Managers will be nominated as networks and/or organizations enroll 100 or more participating physicians.



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!

Submit changes to Shelley Keir at:
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