



Care4Carolina

Expanding access. Enhancing prosperity.

About Us

- ▶ Care4Carolina is a statewide coalition that seeks to strengthen the economic and social wellbeing of our state by increasing access to affordable, quality healthcare for all North Carolinians.



Supporters

- ▶ American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
- ▶ American Heart Association/American Stroke Association
- ▶ Cone Health Foundation
- ▶ Disability Rights NC
- ▶ Insight Human Services
- ▶ League of Women Voters of North Carolina
- ▶ March of Dimes North Carolina
- ▶ MomsRising
- ▶ National Association of Social Workers, NC Chapter
- ▶ National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- ▶ NC Academy of Family Physicians
- ▶ NC Aids Action Network
- ▶ NC Association of Local Health Directors
- ▶ NC Child



Supporters

- ▶ NC Citizens for Public Health
- ▶ NC Coalition on Aging
- ▶ NC Community Health Center Association
- ▶ NC Justice Center
- ▶ NC Pediatric Society
- ▶ NC Psychological Association
- ▶ NC Public Health Association
- ▶ North Carolina Association of Free and Charitable Clinics
- ▶ Novant Health, Inc.
- ▶ OIC Family Medical Center
- ▶ The Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care
- ▶ The North Carolina Dietetic Association



Key Elements

- ▶ A North Carolina Strategy should include:
- ▶ **Access:** Eliminate disparities and gaps in healthcare coverage so all North Carolinians can access health care.
- ▶ **Affordability:** Healthcare coverage and services should be affordable for all North Carolinians.
- ▶ **Accountability:** All North Carolinians should receive affordable, high quality health care. Preventive benefits should be an essential component of meaningful health care coverage.
- ▶ **Jobs:** Promote growing and diversifying North Carolina's health care workforce.



Action Plan

- ▶ Care4Carolina will grow the coalition to build the clout needed to lead a conversation about access to affordable healthcare for all.
- ▶ Care4Carolina is committed to spotlighting challenges facing rural communities particularly with access and quality.
- ▶ Care4Carolina will engage people and communities to increase awareness of the disparities that people face in receiving basic healthcare and the consequences to them, their families and North Carolina.



Insurance Gaps

- ▶ In North Carolina currently a coverage gap exists for more than 300,000 low-income individuals that have no affordable health insurance options available to them.
- ▶ Medicaid currently covers fewer than half of people in poverty.
- ▶ In NC there are nearly 12,000 low-income veterans without access to comprehensive health insurance coverage.
- ▶ Fishermen, farmers, volunteer firefighters, small business owners are not able to get healthcare coverage.



The Current Gap

- ▶ **Who is in the current coverage gap?**
 - **82%** Adults with dependent children
 - **48%** People of Color
 - **53%** Females
 - **66%** In a working family



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Our Goal

- ▶ *Care4Carolina is laying the foundation for a healthier North Carolina and fighting to eliminate disparities in access to healthcare coverage and quality healthcare, ensuring that the best care is available for all North Carolinians.*
- ▶ ***The time is now.***



Questions?

- ▶ Thank You!
- ▶ For more information to find out how to get involved:
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