

Medicaid Expansion Monthly Updates

Month: June 2024

Report Date: 7/12/2024

Recruitment Efforts:

- As of 7/11/2024 Economic Services currently has 2 vacant IMC II positions in Family and Children's Medicaid.

Onboarding/New Hires:

- Economic Services currently has 15 IMCs in training, all with less than 12 month's experience.
- Medicaid Expansion Program functionality was programmed into NC Fast 10/28/23.
- Medicaid Expansion policy was effective 12/1/23.
- The influx of applications continues to level. Rutherford shifted six caseworkers to manage the current pending applications. Rutherford was able to reallocate staff to manage the influx of applications because the state extending Medicaid for Children's (MIC) cases, therefore eliminating the need to complete a redetermination on targeted groups. The state has informed the counties, the extension of these cases will continue thru June 2025. Our current challenge continues to favor Adult Medicaid. We have been able to shift some workers temporarily to assist in problematic areas in making efforts to become timely. Over half of Adult's IMCs remain in training. We're also continue to contract with a seasoned workers in our Long-Term Care program due to vacancies and this area being the most complex of any Medicaid program.
- The state continues to mention another waiver to extend cases below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level including Adult Medicaid cases for 12 months. The county received guidance on 7/11/2024 the E14 Waiver for more Straight Thru Processes for Adult Medicaid cases will be available in the 6/29/24 NC Fast release. The county anxiously awaits some much-needed relief from this release.
- Rutherford County continues to receive a steady number of applications from the Federal Marketplace, In-Person, ePass and Walk In's. The state continues to work on programming more straight through criteria for applications received from the Federal Marketplace resulting in decreased applications being processed by the county. **AS of 7/1/24 compared to 7/3/23, Rutherford is showing an increase of 177% pending applications in our MAGI program which houses Medicaid Expansion. All applications pending in Medicaid is at 31% overall which includes MAGI and Non-MAGI.**

Program Growth:

- The state's projection of individuals anticipated to be eligible for Medicaid Expansion in Rutherford County is over 4,000.
- **As of 7/3/2024 the Medicaid Expansion Dashboard shows an increase to 3,853 MXP recipients. Almost 95% of our original estimated goal.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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