

Medicaid Expansion Monthly Updates

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Recruitment Efforts:

As of 10/7/2024 Economic Services currently has 3 vacant IMC II positions in Family and Children's Medicaid and 1 IMC III position in Adult Medicaid.

Onboarding/New Hires:

Economic Services currently has 15 IMCs in training, 13 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. The state continues to extend our cases for our children in our Family and Children's program and plan to continue this extension through 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 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 9/16/2024 that the E14 Waiver for more Straight Thru Processes for Adult Medicaid cases will begin 10/1/2024 for cases with the ending certification period of 12/31/2024. Due to Hurricane Helene, the state is allowing other flexibilities to ensure that all applications are processed timely. The flexibilities also allow for Medicaid reviews to be extended if unable to process timely.

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 10/7/24 compared to 10/9/23, Rutherford is showing an increase of 161% pending applications in our MAGI program which houses Medicaid Expansion. All applications pending in Medicaid is at 32% overall increase which includes MAGI and Non-MAGI.

Program Growth:

The state's projection of individuals anticipated to be eligible for Medicaid Expansion in Rutherford County was 4,054.

As of 10/11/24 Rutherford County has 4,217 Medicaid Expansion recipients. Within ten months of implementation, Rutherford County exceeded the state's two-year projected goal of 4,054. Medicaid Expansion has brought valuable medical coverage to the residents of Rutherford County.

Respectfully Submitted,

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