

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHATHAM HOSPITAL, INCORPORATED

WHEREAS, Chatham Hospital, Inc. is a hospital based in Siler City, North Carolina and an affiliate and network hospital of the UNC Health Care System; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham Hospital, Inc. and UNC Health Care System's mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of North Carolinians and others whom we serve. We accomplish this first by prioritizing access to affordable, high quality care across the entire state of North Carolina. We do this through providing leadership and excellence in the interrelated areas of patient care, education, and research; and

WHEREAS, the UNC Health Care System, including affiliate hospitals, provided \$600,000,000 in uncompensated care to patients in FY2018, and believe that every patient who walks through our doors deserves equal, high quality levels of care; and

WHEREAS, we believe that protecting the health of communities such as Chatham County and the surrounding area and our state as a whole means protecting all hospitals and the citizens they serve. This requires a focus on chief health care initiatives such as closing the insurance coverage gap, maintaining the integrity of Certificate of Need laws, maintaining and expanding Medicaid supplemental payments to critical health care providers and protecting one of our state's strongest assets: affordable and accessible health insurance for our state employees and retirees; and

WHEREAS, strong, vibrant health care services in all areas of our state provide consistent access to primary and preventative care services close to home. Increased and protected access to primary and preventative services results in better health outcomes and lower health care costs for residents, taxpayers, employers and government payers; and

WHEREAS, the health of communities in other states that have previously expanded Medicaid have benefited through the overall increased health of Medicaid recipients, reduced emergency department use, increased detection of unknown or previously unaddressed health conditions, decreased medical debt holding and increase the ability to pay other non-medical bills. Our economy will also benefit as increasing health insurance coverage has been shown to have a return on investment of 1.5 to 2.0 for every dollar and has the potential to create 43,000 jobs in North Carolina by 2020; and

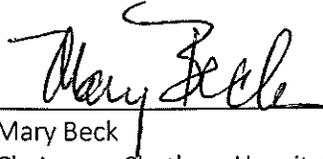
WHEREAS, Certificate of Need laws help to ensure regulation of the health care community. These laws ensure the vitality of pre-existing providers in offering health care services for all of our communities, providing care close to home, and simultaneously creating economic support for the communities who rely on it; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid supplemental payments are vital in the administrative health of hospitals who provide substantial levels of uncompensated care. Maintenance of these payment models are also critical in the recruitment and retention of physicians at a time of a looming physician shortage in our state. Expansion of supplemental payment programs can be accomplished through the Department of Health and Human Services working with newly contracted Medicaid managed-care companies; and

WHEREAS, as the proud employer of over 13,000 state employees, the UNC Health Care System is especially committed to working toward a long-term solution for our State Employees Health Plan, one that ensures affordability and accessibility for the families who need it most. We believe that the Plan will succeed best when all stakeholders are at the table, able to consider value-based approaches and come to an agreed-upon path forward that protects both patients and provider communities; and

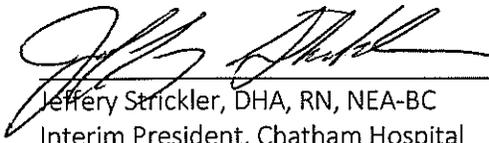
THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of Chatham Hospital, Inc. encourages the Governor and General Assembly to make the health of every community in North Carolina a priority by supporting each of these policies either through legislation or policy changes.

This resolution was passed by the Board of Directors of Chatham Hospital, Inc. on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of 2019 and will be sent to Governor Roy Cooper, all members of the North Carolina General Assembly with constituents in our service area as well as the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Mandy Cohen.



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Mary Beck  
Chairman, Chatham Hospital Board of Trustees



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Jeffery Strickler, DHA, RN, NEA-BC  
Interim President, Chatham Hospital

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
RANDOLPH HOSPITAL, INC., d/b/a RANDOLPH HEALTH**

The following Resolutions were duly adopted by the Board of Directors of Randolph Hospital, Inc., d/b/a Randolph Health, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation (the "Corporation"), in a duly called regular meeting held on March 26, 2019.

**WHEREAS**, healthy citizens and access to affordable health care are key to the Randolph County economy;

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation estimates that 16% of Randolph County residents are uninsured, and many lack sufficient financial resources to obtain necessary health care;

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation estimates that, each year, it provides 7,600 emergency room visits to uninsured patients, approximately \$13,000,000 in uncompensated care, and \$4,000,000 in charity care;

**WHEREAS**, expanding Medicaid coverage would extend insurance to approximately 500,000 people across North Carolina, including many residents of Randolph County;

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that Medicaid expansion is associated with improved hospital financial performance in rural communities;

**WHEREAS**, closing the coverage gap would create 43,000 new jobs in North Carolina and generate billions of dollars in new North Carolina business activity; and

**WHEREAS**, federal funding will cover 90% of the cost for states to expand Medicaid to citizens who need access to affordable health insurance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Corporation urges the North Carolina General Assembly to expand Medicaid in North Carolina as soon as possible.

The Resolutions were duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation effective on March 26, 2019, and have been attached to the written minutes for the duly called regular meeting of the Board of Directors on that date.

This the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



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Glenn M. Pugh  
Chair of the Board

# Resolution

## URGING NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXPAND MEDICAID COVERAGE

- WHEREAS, healthy citizens and access to affordable healthcare are key to the Cherokee County economy;
- WHEREAS, expanding Medicaid would extend insurance to approximately 500,000 people across North Carolina;
- WHEREAS, our hospital estimates that the cost of treating uninsured patients is more than \$17 million per year;
- WHEREAS, research has shown that Medicaid expansion is associated with improved hospital financial performance in rural communities;
- WHEREAS, closing the coverage gap would create 43,000 new jobs in the state and generate billions of dollars in new North Carolina business activity;
- WHEREAS, federal funding will cover 90% of costs for states to expand Medicaid to citizens who need access to affordable health insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 11<sup>th</sup> OF APRIL 2019 THAT:

Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital urges the North Carolina General Assembly to expand Medicaid in North Carolina as soon as possible.



Mark E. Kimball, FACHE  
Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital  
Chief Executive Officer



Michael J. Griffin  
Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital  
Board of Trustees, Chair



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Western Carolina Hospital



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WHEREAS, Nash UNC Health Care is a hospital based in Rocky Mount, North Carolina and an affiliate and network hospital of the UNC Health Care System; and

WHEREAS, the Nash UNC Health Care and UNC Health Care System's mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of North Carolinians and others whom we serve. We accomplish this first by prioritizing access to affordable, high quality care across the entire state of North Carolina. We do this through providing leadership and excellence in the interrelated areas of patient care, education, and research; and

WHEREAS, the UNC Health Care System, including affiliate hospitals, provided \$600,000,000 in uncompensated care to patients in FY2018, and believe that every patient who walks through our doors deserves equal, high quality levels of care; and

WHEREAS, we believe that protecting the health of communities such as Nash County, Rocky Mount and our state as a whole means protecting all hospitals and the citizens they serve. This requires a focus on chief health care initiatives such as closing the insurance coverage gap, maintaining the integrity of Certificate of Need laws, maintaining and expanding Medicaid supplemental payments to critical health care providers and protecting one of our state's strongest assets: affordable and accessible health insurance for our state employees and retirees; and

WHEREAS, strong, vibrant health care services in all areas of our state provide consistent access to primary and preventative care services close to home. Increased and protected access to primary and preventative services results in better health outcomes and lower health care costs for residents, taxpayers, employers and government payers; and

WHEREAS, the health of communities in other states that have previously expanded Medicaid have benefited through the overall increased health of Medicaid recipients, reduced emergency department use, increased detection of unknown or previously unaddressed health conditions, decreased medical debt holding and increase the ability to pay other non-medical bills. Our economy will also benefit as increasing health insurance coverage has been shown to have a return on investment of 1.5 to 2.0 for every dollar and has the potential to create 43,000 jobs in North Carolina by 2020; and

WHEREAS, Certificate of Need laws help to ensure regulation of the health care community. These laws ensure the vitality of pre-existing providers in offering health care services for all of our communities, providing care close to home, and simultaneously creating economic support for the communities who rely on it; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid supplemental payments are vital in the administrative health of hospitals who provide substantial levels of uncompensated care. Maintenance of these payment models are also critical in the recruitment and retention of physicians at a time of a looming physician shortage in our state. Expansion of supplemental payment programs can be accomplished through the Department of Health and Human Services working with newly contracted Medicaid managed-care companies; and

WHEREAS, as the proud employer of over 13,000 state employees, the UNC Health Care System is especially committed to working toward a long-term solution for our State Employees Health Plan, one that ensures affordability and accessibility for the families who need it most. We believe that the Plan will succeed best when all stakeholders are at the table, able to consider value-based approaches and come to an agreed-upon path forward that protects both patients and provider communities; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Nash UNC Health Care encourages the Governor and General Assembly to make the health of every community in North Carolina a priority by supporting each of these policies either through legislation or policy changes.

This resolution was passed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Commissioners of Nash UNC Health Care on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April in the year of 2019, will be presented to the full Board of Commissioners of Nash UNC on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May in the year 2019 and is being sent to Governor Roy Cooper, all members of the North Carolina General Assembly with constituents in our service area as well as the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Mandy Cohen.

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
J. ARTHUR DOSHER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

The following Resolutions were duly adopted by the Board of Directors J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital, a North Carolina tax-exempt township hospital (the "Hospital"), in a meeting held on March 26, 2019.

**WHEREAS**, healthy citizens and access to affordable health care are key to the Smithfield Township economy;

**WHEREAS**, the Hospital estimates that thousands of Brunswick County residents are uninsured, and many lack sufficient financial resources to obtain necessary health care;

**WHEREAS**, the Hospital estimates that, each year, it provides 2,534 emergency room visits to uninsured patients, approximately \$8,773,837 in uncompensated care, and \$758,694 in charity care;

**WHEREAS**, expanding Medicaid coverage would extend insurance to approximately 500,000 people across North Carolina, including many residents of Brunswick County;

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that Medicaid expansion is associated with improved hospital financial performance in rural communities;

**WHEREAS**, closing the coverage gap would create 43,000 new jobs in North Carolina and generate billions of dollars in new North Carolina business activity; and

**WHEREAS**, federal funding will cover 90% of the cost for states to expand Medicaid to citizens who need access to affordable health insurance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hospital urges the North Carolina General Assembly to expand Medicaid in North Carolina as soon as possible.

The Resolutions were duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Hospital effective on March 26, 2019, and have been attached to the written minutes for the duly called regular meeting of the Board of Directors on that date.

This the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

  
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Scott Starks, MD  
Chair of the Board