**North Carolina Medication Assistance Program**

**2018 Profile (Data from State Fiscal Year 2018 and current as of 6/30/2018)**

**Grant Facts**

**$2.5M**
From funds appropriated by the General Assembly and Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust

**44.7**
Full-time equivalent health care professionals supported through grant funds

**32,725**
Patients served

**148,507**
Medications received

**$223M***
Value of medications leveraged
*Based on average wholesale prices through Redbook

**17%**
Of prescriptions were anti-psychotic, anti-depressant, and other mental health drugs

**107**
The Pharmacy Connection (TPC) sites that offer service

**$77.45**
Average ORH contribution per patient (each patient averages about 4.5 prescription drugs each month)

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**Did You Know**
The Medication Assistance Program (MAP) is a safety net for uninsured, low-income individuals in the state. During SFY 2018, 96% of the patients served were uninsured and 81% of patients were at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. It provides access to free prescription drugs available through pharmaceutical manufacturers to patients who cannot afford them. This service is currently offered through 103 sites across the state in facilities such as rural health centers, federally qualified health centers, and community and faith based organizations.

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**Importance and Improvements**
Since the creation of the program in 2003, it has accessed $1,804,643,926 in free medications for patients who could not afford them. For SFY 2018 the value of medications leveraged the program total $223 million, a 15% increase from the previous year.

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**Return On Investment and Economic Impact**

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<th>Created Economic Impact</th>
<th>Total Impact</th>
<th>ROI</th>
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<td>$2,434,015</td>
<td>$2,287,181</td>
<td>$4,721,196</td>
<td>$1.94 94%</td>
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*Economic impact is estimated to be much greater because improved health outcomes can lead to fewer missed work days, reduced health care costs, and reduced premature morbidity and mortality. Some expenses such as out of state purchases, overhead, and rollover payments are not captured for ROI and economic impact.*

The Medication Assistance Program also generated a cost savings of $194,093,590 based on the value of medications received (AWP)

**Medication Distribution**

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<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Diabetes</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>Cardiovascular</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>26,997</td>
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<td>Mental Health</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>24,814</td>
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<td>Asthma/Pulmonary</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>24,081</td>
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<td>Others</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>13,622</td>
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<td>Pain</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>10,412</td>
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<td>Gastrointestinal</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>7,804</td>
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<td>Allergy/Cold</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>4,033</td>
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**MedAssist:** NC MedAssist is a central fill pharmacy purchasing prescription drugs for patients who meet certain income criteria. The NC General Assembly appropriates funds, administered by ORH, directly to MedAssist

- **6.75** FTEs
- **15,818** Patients served
- **392,338** Prescriptions filled based on 30-day supply
- **$63,371,737** Value of prescriptions filled (AWP)
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Technical Assistance
96 Activities in 35 Counties
Provided by ORH Staff

- Clinic/Staff Assistance: 68 Activities
  - Software Assistance: 1 Activity
- Training Sessions: 5 Activities
- Citizen Assistance: 22 Activities

Total Program Funding*

- State $2,364,104 (93%)
- Other $170,529 (7%)

*Estimate based on budget reorganization. Funding also reflects carry forward from SFY 2017

Program Reach

- 54 Agencies Funded
- 96 Total Counties Covered
- 66 Rural Counties Covered

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