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North Carolina Health Information Technology Program
2019 Profile (Data from State Fiscal Year 2019 and current as of 6/30/2019)

Program Facts

149
ORH sites that are mandated to connect to the HIE (NC HealthConnex)

99%
ORH sites that have an Electronic Health Record system

99%
ORH sites have a signed Health Information Exchange Participation Agreement

70%
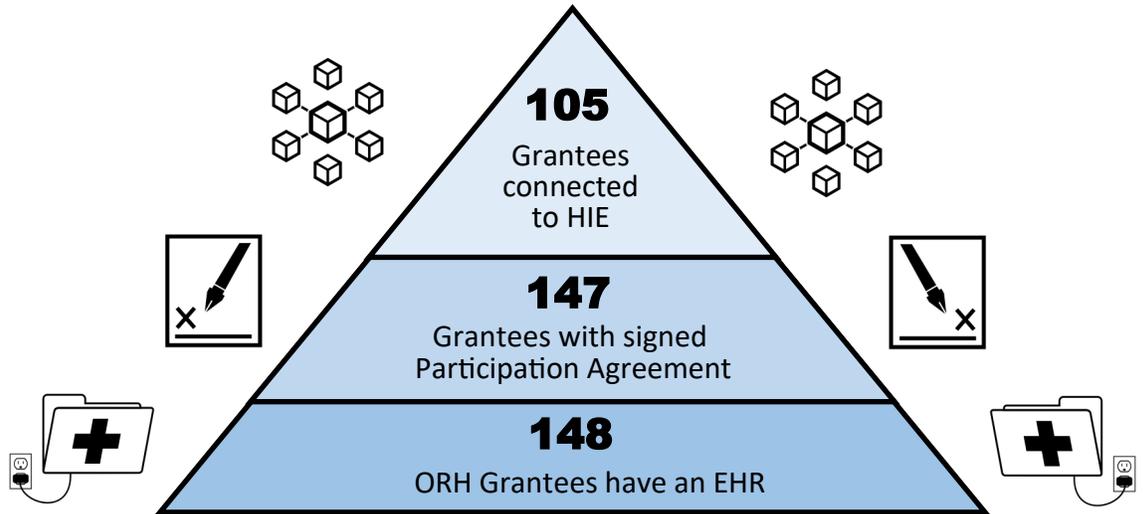ORH sites have successfully connected to the HIE (NC HealthConnex)

Overview:
The Health Information Technology (HIT) Team at the Office of Rural Health (ORH) strives to assist ORH grantees and safety net partners with using Health Information Technology to help improve patient care. The Health Information Technology Program works directly with the North Carolina Safety Net to assess needs and provide technical assistance throughout the state to improve the use of Electronic Health Records, Telehealth, and the use of NC HealthConnex, the state designated health information exchange (HIE).

North Carolina EHR Funding Program for Behavioral Health/IDD Providers
In 2018, ORH and NC Medicaid partnered with the NC Health Information Exchange Authority (NC HIEA) to launch a program to assist behavioral health, mental health, and intellectual developmental disability practices with purchasing an Electronic Health Record (EHR) and establishing connectivity to NC Health-Connex.

Office of Rural Health Grantee Connection Status

- **105** Grantees connected to HIE
- **147** Grantees with signed Participation Agreement
- **148** ORH Grantees have an EHR

NC Rural Health Centers
- **100%** Have EHR
- **100%** Signed participation agreement
- **79%** Connected to HIE

NC Farmworker Health Program Sites
- **100%** Have EHR
- **100%** Signed participation agreement
- **64%** Connected to HIE

Critical Access Hospitals
- **99%** Have EHR
- **99%** Signed participation agreement
- **65%** Connected to HIE

NC Community Health Grants and Medication Assistance Sites
- **100%** Have EHR
- **99%** Signed participation agreement
- **71%** Connected to HIE

Importance:
The NC Office of Rural Health (ORH) is committed to assisting underserved communities by improving access, quality and cost effectiveness of health care. Established in 2017 through the NC State Medicaid Health Information Technology plan, the ORH HIT Team works with partners to improve Health Information Technology utilization for health care providers in rural areas. The ORH HIT Team promotes the use of the statewide HIE—NC HealthConnex to share and access needed patient health information at the point of care.

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Technical Assistance
398 Activities in 66 Counties Provided by ORH Staff
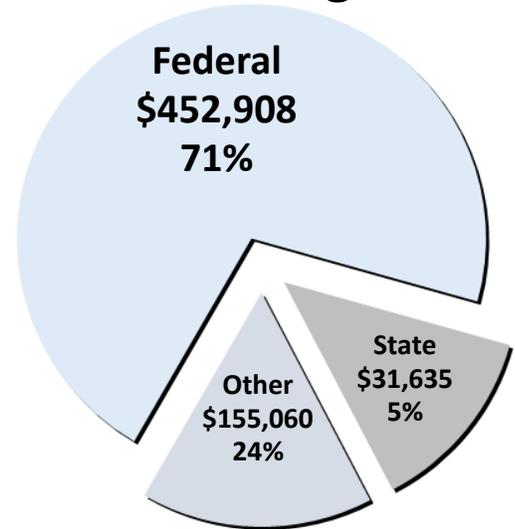
Software Assistance and Support
388 Activities

Site Development
3 Activities

Other Activities
3 Activities

Clinic/Staff Assistance
4 Activities

Total Program Funding:

Federal $452,908 **71%**

State $31,635 **5%**

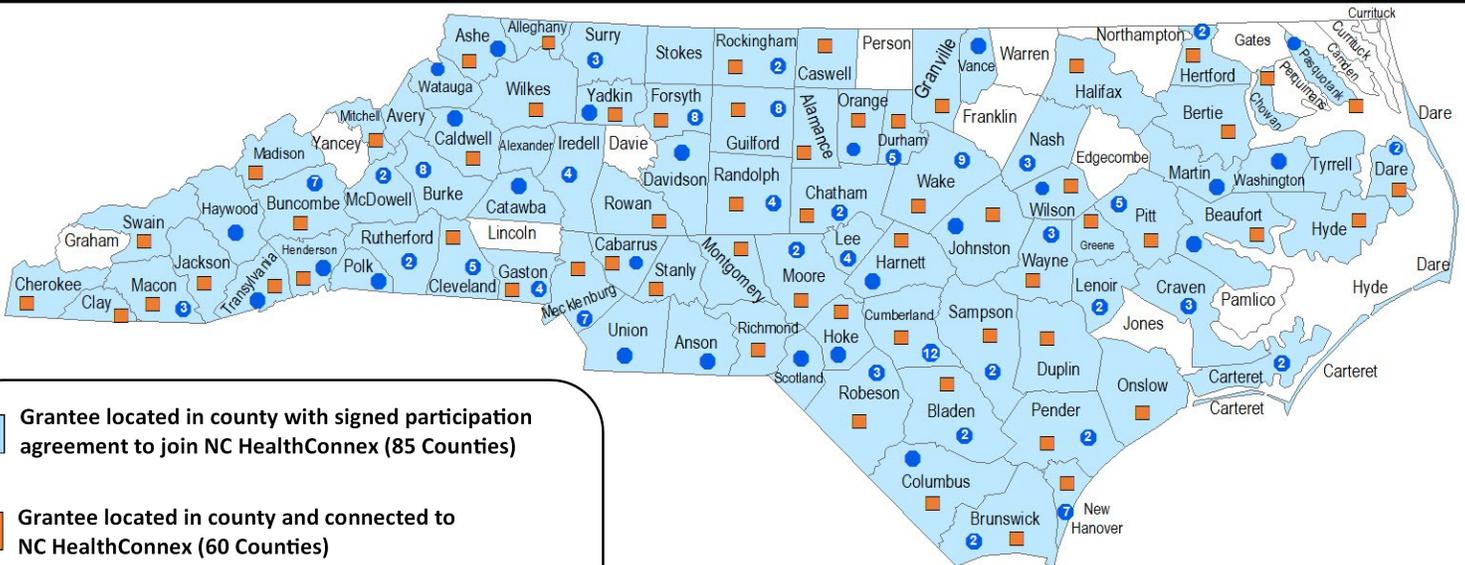**Other** $155,060 **24%**

Program Reach

59
Counties with providers receiving electronic health record funding

85
Counties with grantees that have signed a NC HealthConnex Participation Agreement

60
Counties with grantees connected to NC HealthConnex

Legend:

- Grantee located in county with signed participation agreement to join NC HealthConnex (85 Counties)
- Grantee located in county and connected to NC HealthConnex (60 Counties)
- Electronic Health Record Funding Program for Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disability Providers (166 Grantees)

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