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PRESS RELEASE

“RANDOLPH COUNTY RESIDENTS PROJECTED TO RECEIVE \$210 MILLION IN HEALTHCARE SERVICES THROUGH THE MEDICAID PROGRAM THIS YEAR”

The State of North Carolina has budgeted \$210,386,977 to pay providers for Medicaid covered healthcare services provided to Randolph County residents this fiscal year that began July 1, 2016. In Randolph County, over 33,000 individuals receive some sort of Medicaid benefits. An estimated 6,000 of those individuals are adults. The remaining are covered in the Family and Children’s Medicaid program areas.

In North Carolina, Medicaid for Adults is a health care program that serves low income seniors, people with disabilities, and Medicare recipients. Services provided by Medicaid are similar to those provided by health insurance companies and can include doctor visits, outpatient/inpatient hospitalization, medical supplies and equipment, prescriptions, and mental health visits. Medicaid, however, is not purchased and is only provided to eligible low income individuals. Medicare recipients who qualify can receive assistance with the payment of their Medicare Premiums, Deductibles, and Co-insurance. The program is funded by a combination of federal, state, and county tax dollars.

There has been, and continues to be, a lot of discussion in North Carolina of expanding Medicaid to cover more low income adults, especially those low income individuals that are not disabled between the ages of 22 and 64. If, or when, that expansion occurs, current projections show that the number of adults covered by Medicaid in Randolph County would increase by 9,000 to a total of 15,000.

To be eligible for current North Carolina Medicaid for Adults that covers low income seniors, people with disabilities, and Medicare recipients; income and resource limits apply and vary for each group. You must also be a resident of the State of North Carolina and be a US national, citizen, permanent resident, or qualified or special alien.

To receive Medicaid, you do not have to go through a physical or other type of exam. However, if you are applying because you are disabled, a medical exam may be required. If you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), you are automatically covered for North Carolina Medicaid. You may apply in person at the County Department of Social Services (DSS) in the county where you live or on-line at <https://www.epass.nc.gov/CitizenPortal/application.do>.

For more information about Medicaid visit the North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) website at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/dma> or call your local DSS. In Randolph County call 336-683-8000 or visit <http://www.co.randolph.nc.us/dss/>.

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