



## KEEPING NORTH CAROLINA HEALTHY AND ECONOMICALLY STRONG

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### HOSPITALS STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY

Hospitals and health systems are major contributors to our state's economy, directly and indirectly **supporting nearly 395,000 jobs** statewide and occupying some of the top slots of North Carolina's list of largest employers. These jobs provided more than **\$22.4 billion in wages, salaries and benefits** to North Carolina's workforce. For every one hospital job, there are 2.44 total jobs in the state's economy.\* With the increase in the nation's aging population — and the continued flow of retirees to points south — the demand for hospital and healthcare jobs is only expected to continue.



### HOSPITALS ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE

Hospitals and health systems deliver valuable low-cost and free-of-charge services that contribute to the overall wellness of their communities. Hospitals re-invest in their local communities with transformational programs like well-care services after discharge, health screenings, wellness education, and other community outreach programs, such as farmer's markets and food pantries. They are very often **at the forefront of innovative programs and community partnerships** that allow them to contribute to the day-to-day wellness of our citizens.

### HOSPITALS RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES 24/7, 365

Having a hospital at the ready to respond to disasters and address the needs of ailing employees is as essential as good roads and favorable taxes. **North Carolina's hospitals are always ready**, maintaining trained personnel, equipment and supplies to prepare for any emergency, no matter how small or large. During the 2014 Ebola outbreak, North Carolina's hospitals and health systems dedicated a tremendous amount of resources — in funds and personnel training — preparing to keep patients and employees safe.



### HOSPITALS CARE FOR THE SICKEST & MOST VULNERABLE

Like churches, colleges and YMCAs, non-profit hospitals exist to support the public good. In 2015 alone, North Carolina hospitals provided **nearly \$2 billion in unreimbursed care** to our state's most critically ill and vulnerable patients.\* In addition, our hospitals contribute toward the state's share of caring for the Medicaid population through an assessment program. In 2017, hospitals contributed nearly \$875 million, while the state provided almost \$510 million.\*\*

\* According to a 2017 report by RTI International and North Carolina Hospital Association.

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