**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES**

In 2015, NCHA members directly employed 162,000 people in North Carolina and spent approximately $24.8 billion on goods, services, and capital investment, which ripples through the state economy creating economic opportunities in other sectors.

Examples of recent capital investments include:

- The $82 million investment in the Cherokee Indian Hospital which opened in 2015.

**TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT**

NCHA members generate a total of $37.8 billion in State Gross Domestic Product and $22.4 billion in labor income across North Carolina, which supports nearly 395,000 jobs across both the hospitals themselves and the various industries with which they interact.

**RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS**

For every 1 physician or surgeon directly employed by a hospital, there are:

- 11.2 Nurses
- 4.3 Healthcare Aides and Assistants
- 1.4 Therapists
- 5.3 Office and Admin Staff
- 4.2 Technologists, technicians, and EMT’s
- 1.3 Mgmt. Staff
- 0.6 Specialized Care
- 1.1 Bldg. and Ground
- 5.1 Other

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Health care systems are actively involved in innovative workforce development and training efforts.

- Vidant Health’s Project SEARCH helps youth with disabilities in eastern North Carolina find gainful employment.
- Cone Health’s partnership in the Union Square Campus helped bring healthcare education assets together in Greensboro.

**ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

Healthcare systems provide essential services that often go unreimbursed. In 2015, losses from charity care and bad debt along with Medicaid and Medicare losses totaled $3.6 billion.

- $367M Medicaid Losses
- $1,342M Medicare Losses
- $898M Bad Debt Costs
- $1,012M Charity Care

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1. Full-time equivalents.
3. Office and Administrative Staff includes both clinical and non-clinical staff.

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