

**Updated Position Statements
for State Legislative Priorities
As of Jan. 1, 2019**

Preserving the Safety Net

North Carolina's hospitals and health systems support a legislative approach that ensures federal funds received through payment programs and hospital taxes support hospital-based care for the uninsured. Hospitals and health systems oppose distributing those funds to entities that do not contribute to the tax or treat patients.

Certificate of Need Preservation

North Carolina's hospitals and health systems support the current Certificate of Need law and urge our legislators to protect the law, thereby protecting access to care for our communities.

Increased Access to Health Insurance

North Carolina hospitals and health systems support increased access to affordable health insurance coverage for all North Carolinians and urge the General Assembly to close the coverage gap.

Tax Treatment Preservation

North Carolina's hospitals and health systems support the current non-profit sales and property tax laws.

Behavioral Health Reform

North Carolina hospitals and health systems support increased access to resources for our behavioral health patients to ensure that they receive the right care at the right time in the right place.

Telehealth Expansion

North Carolina hospitals and health systems support a legislative and regulatory solution, as well as reimbursement policies, that promote access to telehealth services for every North Carolinian in every part of the state.

Graduate Medical Education

North Carolina's hospitals and health systems support measures to address our state's current provider shortage through maintaining current medical education programs and expanding access to additional GME funds in more areas of the state.

State Health Plan

The North Carolina State Health Plan should adopt proven methods to provide and coordinate quality-driven care to improve the lives of state employees and retirees, while achieving efficiencies in cost for both the plan and taxpayers.

Honoring Assignment of Benefits

North Carolina's hospitals and health systems support measures to ensure that providers are reimbursed for care provided to patients who have insurance coverage.

Workforce Development

Language TBD



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ACA Repeal/Reform

North Carolina hospitals and health systems oppose any action that destabilizes the insurance market, and supports a replacement plan that sustains insurance coverage gains in North Carolina.

Medicaid DSH Reductions

North Carolina hospitals and health systems support the disproportionate share hospital (DSH) programs and oppose any attempts to reduce funding for our most vulnerable. Further, cuts to the DSH program should be restored, especially for those states that continue to have a large uninsured population.

340 Drug Discount Program

North Carolina's hospitals and health systems support the 340B drug pricing program as it ensures adequate resources to provide needed services to our most vulnerable communities. We look forward to working with our elected leaders to ensure the program remains intact and transparent.

EMTALA Reform

North Carolina hospitals and health systems urge Congress to modernize the Emergency Treatment and Active Labor Act to provide avenues for providers to get patients to the right care at the right place.

Area Wage Index Repeal

North Carolina hospitals and health systems urge Congress to repeal the Area Wage Index amendment to the Affordable Care Act, as it unfairly subsidizes a few districts at the expense of everyone else.

Graduate Medical Education

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MDH/LVH

North Carolina hospitals and health systems support Medicare Extenders — such as the payments for Medicare-dependent hospitals (MDH) and those hospitals with lower volumes (LVH) — and urge Congress to approve a clean extension so those most vulnerable hospitals can meet their community needs.

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North Carolina hospitals and health systems support a legislative and regulatory solution, as well as reimbursement policies, that promote access to telehealth services for every North Carolinian in every part of the state.