Who We Are

We support community-based innovation, develop leading-edge programming and bring together diverse voices and perspectives to drive lasting change. Our goal is to power system-wide solutions, redefine the healthcare delivery system and improve the health and well-being of people in North Carolina and beyond.

The North Carolina Healthcare Foundation is the charitable non-profit, innovative and programmatic arm of the North Carolina Healthcare Association.

» We are proactive, focusing on building and sustaining programs that make a measurable impact on health in the state.

» Our programs are boots-on-the-ground initiatives that directly affect patients, partners and communities.

» Our work to develop leading-edge programming and position as a convener allows us to sit at the nexus of innovation and advocacy and work in concert with the Association to shape policy, inform the public and drive change.

Our Mission

To foster and accelerate the collective impact of hospitals, health systems and community partners to improve the health of North Carolinians.

Our Vision

A North Carolina where high-quality healthcare is equitable and accessible for all.

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» CaroNova is a strategic initiative of the North Carolina Healthcare Foundation and a health innovation incubator that addresses the common needs of North Carolina and South Carolina.

» Driving innovation and change, CaroNova brings together thought leaders across both Carolinas to create long-term, policy-shaping solutions to shared critical health needs.

» CaroNova leverages learnings and findings from both state Associations and the Foundation to inform opportunities for lasting change.
Our Priority Areas

Access to Care
Through scalable initiatives and facilitating a platform for peer learning and improvement, we can help remove barriers to care and improve overall health and well-being.

Rural Health
We strive to create stable rural health services that meet the changing needs of North Carolina’s rural communities while demonstrating value to the overall system of care.

Workforce
Our work helps create a robust healthcare workforce that views their work as mission-critical, along with a thriving pipeline of individuals committed to improving the lives of North Carolinians.

Behavioral Health
We support behavioral healthcare that reliably responds to each North Carolinian with a standard of excellence that parallels physical healthcare.

Equity of Care
We build new care models that are creating widespread change for people across North Carolina’s hospitals and health systems that are consistent regardless of race or ethnicity.

Our Impact

» The Home Hospital Early Adopters Accelerator influenced national legislation and led to North Carolina having more home hospital programs than any other state.

» Graduated 36 mentees from the Diverse Healthcare Leaders Mentorship Program. More than 50% of 2021’s graduates received a promotion or new professional position.

» Awarded Emergency Department Peer Support program pilot funding to six hospitals. As a result of patients with opioid overdose or substance abuse disorder being presented with treatment and recovery resources, total ED visits decreased by 40%, hospitalizations decreased by 56% and 30-day readmissions decreased by 34%.

» Achieved 92% member participation in the NCHA Equity of Care Resolution.

To learn more, visit: ncha.org/foundation.