



Talking Points

Oppose the House HHS Budget Proposal

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When talking to your legislator, it is important that you emphasize the following points:

- The latest HHS House Appropriations Subcommittee report dismantles healthcare for the poor and needy of our state.
- The Medicaid provider reimbursement cuts (-6%) along with countless additional service cuts eliminate the ability for the state to draw down over \$800 million dollars of the possible \$960 million in new federal stimulus money.
- The House Proposal would cripple the Community Care Network (CCNC) that has delivered hundreds of millions of dollars in savings to NC.
- Adult Medicaid patients will no longer be able to receive many essential health services.
- The House proposal will actually drive up costs by leaving the Medicaid patients with no option other than the Emergency Department as their medical home.
- Any tax increase that they offer must go back into Health and Human Services where the scarce dollars can be leveraged for additional federal matching funds.