

North Carolina's Medicaid program is transitioning from fee-for-service payment model to Medicaid Managed Care in 2019-2020, which is the most significant change to the NC program in over 40 years. Four statewide Managed Care plans will provide coverage for Medicaid beneficiaries.

In preparation for this transition, a Piedmont collaboration invited Dr. Betsey Tilson, North Carolina's State Health Director and DHHS's Chief Medical Officer, to Kernersville to speak about NC's transformation to Medicaid Managed Care and proposed regional pilots. Providers of human services, health systems and others from across the Piedmont attended Dr. Tilson's presentation and agreed to collaborate to address social drivers of health (called Healthy Opportunities) and apply to be one of the Medicaid regional pilots.

Under Medicaid's transformation, 1-4 regional pilots will be chosen to deliver health services that address both medical and social needs of patients. These Pilots must address five categories of Healthy Opportunities: **Housing, Transportation, Nutrition, Interpersonal Violence/Toxic Stress and Employment.** Pilots will include a Lead Pilot Entity to serve as a backbone organization for the pilot initiative. Pilots need to engage 50,000 Medicaid beneficiaries and cover both urban and rural communities. Dr. Tilson estimates the pilots will be a \$600 million investment over 5 years.

Stakeholders held a second meeting November 1, 2018 and determined:

- ✓ **Healthy Opportunities of the Piedmont** will be the name of our region's pilot proposal
- ✓ Piedmont Triad Regional Council should serve as the Lead Pilot Entity
- ✓ The Piedmont counties of Forsyth, Guilford and Rockingham were chosen as the initial counties in which Healthy Opportunities of the Piedmont will operate

The next meeting is **November 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm** at the PTRC Kernersville office located at 1398 Carrollton Crossing Drive, Kernersville, NC 27284. We will gather stakeholders to begin working on each of the five areas of Healthy Opportunities.