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The North Carolina Medical Care Commission issued a position statement on Medicaid reform on February 13, 2015. This statement followed a special called meeting of the Commission held on February 11-12, 2015 specifically to discuss the issue.

The Commission is comprised of 17 members that are gubernatorial appointments. The Commission is a bipartisan Commission, members being appointed by both Republican and Democratic governors over the years. The Commission has served the healthcare industry for over 50 years approving the issuance of tax-exempt bonds for the construction of healthcare facilities and by promulgating rules and regulations for the operations of those facilities. As such, the Commission remains concerned about the financial health of our healthcare facilities and access to those facilities by our North Carolina citizens.

The landscape for Medicaid reform has certainly changed since 2015, both within our state and on the federal level. Nevertheless, the need to provide quality care to all the citizens of North Carolina remains unchanged.

The North Carolina Medical Care Commission supports the transition of NC Medicaid into a patient centered, provider driven, physician directed program. The Commission has confidence in the current providers in North Carolina to take a lead in fulfilling this mission. As a bond conduit the commission participates in the creation of a highly developed hospital, educational and other provider systems; investments that should be capitalized upon. Medicaid reform should create predictability, sustainability, administrative ease and efficiency for the State; increased access, quality and improved health outcomes.

Given the current existing physician and health system synergies in North Carolina, we believe we have within our State the ability to provide homegrown solutions to best serve our citizens.

The Commission continues to support increasing access to quality healthcare and the expansion of Medicaid.