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## **North Carolina Medication Assistance Program**

2023 Profile (Data from State Fiscal Year 2023 and current as of 6/30/2023)

## **Grant Facts**

Grant funding appropriated from the General Assembly

15

Health care professional jobs supported through grant funds

> 25,575 Patients served

Percentage of patients served that were uninsured

115,387

Prescription drugs received through The Pharmacy Connection (TPC)

Value of medications leveraged \*Based on average wholesale prices from TPC

Of prescriptions were anti-psychotic, anti-depressant, and other mental health drugs

Active MAP sites using TPC software licenses

Average ORH contribution per patient (each patient averages about 5 prescription drugs each month)

Overview The Medication Assistance Program (MAP) is a safety net for uninsured, low-income individuals in the state. During SFY 2023, 94% of the patients served were uninsured and 87% of patients were at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. It provides access to free prescription drugs available through pharmaceutical manufacturers to patients who cannot afford them. This service, is currently offered through 106 sites across the state in facilities such as rural health centers, federally qualified health centers, and community and faith-based organizations.

#### Importance and Improvements

Since the creation of the program in 2003, it has accessed \$2,864,236,270 in free medications for patients who could not afford them. For SFY 2023 the value of medications leveraged for the program totaled \$213 million for 25,575 patients.

# Return On Investment and Economic Impact Source: IMPLAN

**MAP Expenditures** \$1,650,395

Created Economic Impact

\$1,619,485

Total Impact

\$3,269,880

Generates

additional iobs from the economic impact



\$114,729 Generated in state and local

taxes which goes back into the local and state economy \$1.439.506



In employee compensation impacted by the grants

Each MAP grant dollar has a total economic impact

\$1.98



\*Economic impact is estimated to be much greater because improved health outcomes can lead to fewer missed work days, reduced health care costs, and reduced premature morbidity and mortality. Some expenses such as out of state purchases, overhead, and rollover payments are not captured for ROI and economic impact.

#### **Medication Distribution**

Values for table below are pulled from TPC

Diabetes	44,556 (40%)
Cardiovascular	23,361 (21%)
Asthma/Pulmonary	13,937 (13%)
Mental Health	13,106 (12%)
Various Other Classes	5,222 (5%)
Gastrointestinal	4,914 (4%)
Allergy/Cold	2,478 (2%)
Analgesics	1,411 (1%)
Rheumatologic	889 (1%)
Antimicrobials	782 (1%)

OK 5K 10K 15K 20K 25K 30K 35K 40K 45K

Number of Prescriptions



**MedAssist:** NC MedAssist is a central fill pharmacy purchasing prescription drugs for patients who meet certain income criteria. The NC General Assembly appropriates funds, administered by ORH, directly to MedAssist. In SFY 23 \$600,000 was appropriated.

16,489

Patients served

183,466

Prescriptions filled based on 90-day supply

\$59,192,020

Value of prescriptions filled (AWP)

\*NC MedAssist values are self-reported



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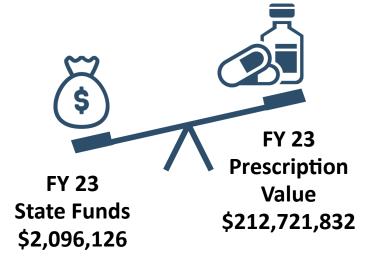
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# Technical Assistance 218 Activities for 153 organizations/individuals Provided by ORH Staff

**Program Leverage** 



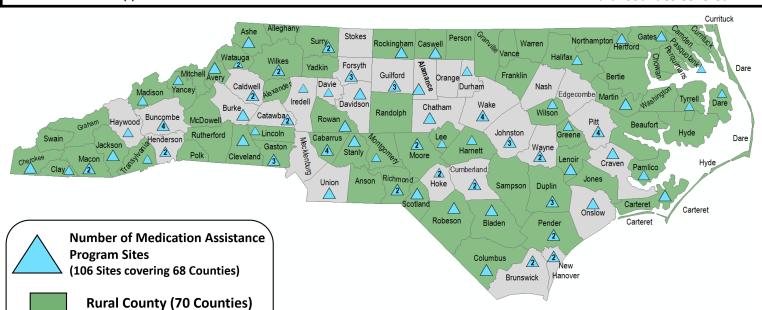


# **Program Reach**

**106**Sites Supported

**68**Total Counties Covered

Rural Counties Covered



\*Number inside of symbols indicate number of sites

**Urban County (30 Counties)** 



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