



Background Materials

What is the North Carolina Institute of Medicine and How Do We Approach Health Policy?

K. Minyard, R. Ferencik, M. Ann Phillips, et al., Using systems thinking in state health policymaking: an educational initiative. *Health Syst* (2014) 3: 117.

Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1057/hs.2013.17>

The Georgia Health Policy Center developed an educational initiative that applies systems thinking to health policymaking; this brief summarizes the program's background and progress since its inception.

North Carolina Journal of Medicine Invited Commentary: Reducing Health Disparities by Addressing Social Determinants of Health

<http://www.ncmedicaljournal.com/content/75/6/417.full.pdf+html?sid=51b8c75e-ad4b-45f1-9442-ec889af0ef91>

In this commentary, the implications of health disparities for community health and public are discussed, and a description of efforts to reduce disparities in Mecklenburg county is provided.

Overview of Health Insurance

NCIOM: Health Insurance Primers

<http://nciom.org/nc-health-data/primers/>

These health insurance primers provide a non-technical overview of the private health insurance system, Medicare, and Medicaid/CHIP.

Causey, M. Medicare basics. North Carolina Department of Insurance. Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program.

Available at:

[http://www.ncdoi.com/Publications/Medicare%20Basics%20Form%20\(Formerly%20the%20COMBO%20Form\).%20\(Packs%20of%2025\).%20SVCP.%20SDSSP.%20SNE1.%2010.pdf](http://www.ncdoi.com/Publications/Medicare%20Basics%20Form%20(Formerly%20the%20COMBO%20Form).%20(Packs%20of%2025).%20SVCP.%20SDSSP.%20SNE1.%2010.pdf)

Norris L. North Carolina health insurance marketplace: history and news of the state's exchange.

Available at: <https://www.healthinsurance.org/north-carolina-state-health-insurance-exchange/>

Health and Human Services and Resources: Structure and Background

(see attached PDFs)

Moore, JD. Chapter 38: Public Health In: County and Municipal Government in North Carolina. Second. School of Government, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; 2014.

Wall, A. Chapter 39: Social Services In: County and Municipal Government in North Carolina. Second. School of Government, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; 2014.

Botts MF. Chapter 40: Mental Health Services. In: County and Municipal Government in North Carolina. Second. School of Government, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; 2014.

How to Navigate Health and Human Services and Resources

UNC School of Government: Information about NC Departments of Social Services

<https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/faq-collections/information-about-nc-departments-social-services>

This page includes questions and answers about county departments of social services in North Carolina.

UNC School of Government: Key Players in NC local Public Health: Boards of County Commissioners

<https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/faq-collections/key-players-nc-local-public-health-boards-county-commissioners>

this page provides answers to commonly asked question on the role of boards of county commissioners in North Carolina's local public health system

North Carolina Association of County Commissioners: What is a County Manager

<https://www.ncacc.org/417/What-is-a-County-Manager>

Describes the responsibilities of county managers in NC

Medicaid Transformation: Move to Managed Care and Development of Resource Platform

NCIOM: What is Medicaid Transformation?

<http://nciom.org/what-is-medicaid-transformation/>

Brief overview of Medicaid transformation in NC.

Understanding Medicaid in North Carolina. North Carolina Institute of Medicine, Published January 2018.

Available at: http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/NC_Medicaid_CHIP_Primer.pdf

North Carolina's Healthy Opportunities Pilots: A Review of Proposed Design for Interested Stakeholders

Available at: https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/documents/Healthy-Opportunities-Pilot_Policy-Paper_2_15_19.pdf

describes the preliminary program design for the Healthy Opportunities Pilots.

Additional Suggested Background Reading:

Kaiser Family Foundation. Health Care Expenditures by State of Residence.

Available at: <https://www.kff.org/state-category/health-costs-budgets/health-expenditures-by-state-of-residence/>

D. Radley, D. McCarthy, S.L. Hayes, Scorecard on State Health System Performance, 2017 Edition. The Commonwealth Fund, 2017.

Available at: <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/interactives/2017/mar/state-scorecard/>

From the NCIOM and North Carolina Medical Journal:

<http://nciom.org/publications/>

Issue briefs, task force reports, and other publications from NCIOM

<http://nciom.org/nc-health-data/>

Includes county health data map, uninsured snapshots, health care/policy primers, and the Child Health Report Card.

www.ncmedicaljournal.com

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[Rural Health in North Carolina](#)

[Health and the Environment in North Carolina](#)

[Team Based Care in North Carolina](#)

[The Opioid Crisis](#)

[Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences in North Carolina](#)

[The High Cost of Care in North Carolina](#)