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Handout



## BRCHS – New Medical Building & the NC Rural Center – Rural Health Initiative



### Without Permanent Medical Housing "Homeless"

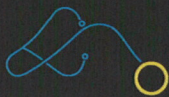
- Current building was vacated due to structural deficiencies, health risks, and fire risks.
- Operations were moved to Pediatric building, and Peds operations were moved to temporary donated building.
- Repairs to bring the existing facility to fully functioning status would equal or exceed the cost of new construction.
- Without completion of the proposed facility, the Blue Ridge Family Practice, the primary source of affordable health care for the low income and uninsured in the region, will essentially be homeless and unable to continue its operations.





## Access to affordable health care for our growing population is a critical need

- Since February 2009, BRCHS has seen 3,747 new patients and 2,780 new uninsured patients.
- Of patients served in 2008, 2,045 were uninsured children and 6,691 were uninsured adults. Nearly 70% of BRCHS patients are uninsured.
- The sharp increase in unemployment in Henderson County, contributing to increasing numbers of uninsured patients seeking care.



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## Impact

- Capacity is expected to increase by 4,600 patients annually
- Creating jobs: 17 new health center jobs and 104 new construction jobs.
- Construction phase projects to add \$3.7 million dollars in income to the area.
- On going operations will annually add \$1.2 million dollars in income to the county (\$955,000 direct and \$277,000 indirect).

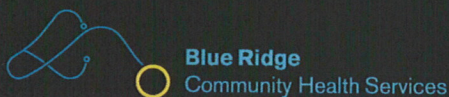


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## NC Rural Center – Rural Health Care Initiative

- Designed to spur economic activity and job creation by assisting in the construction and expansion of health care facilities.
- Grants may be awarded for the construction and/or renovation of rural health care facilities at \$12,000 per new job created.
- BRCHS proposes to create 17 new health center jobs, which projects to a request of \$204,000.
- A unit of local government must apply for these funds. If awarded, funds will be granted to the unit of local government. They will then loan the funds to the health care entity in the form of a forgivable loan. Loans will be forgiven after job creation goals have been met and verified.
- The unit of local government must commit to provide a cash or in-kind match equal to at least 3% of the award (in this case - \$6,120).



## What are we asking from the County?

- Partner with Blue Ridge Community Health Services to submit the Rural Health Care Initiative grant application.
- Commit to a cash or in-kind match equal to at least 3% of the award (\$6,120).

