

# Monthly Director's Report to Board of Social Services



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~ The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities recently released a fact sheet on “Who are the Remaining Uninsured in North Carolina.” North Carolina has 1,064,000 uninsured and Henderson County has 13,860. Around 30 million people are uninsured in the United States. Please see enclosure for details.

~ NC Fast P4-Child Welfare: 33 eastern paper-based counties were scheduled to go live in NC Fast on April 1, 2019. Only 1 of these counties, Washington, chose to roll into NC Fast for intake and assessments. It has been suggested that western counties who went live in January 2019 (including Henderson County) will be offered the option of staying in or coming out. No additional counties will add in-home services or foster care programs to NC Fast at this time. Adult services will also be postponed. The 11 pilot counties will continue in all child welfare programs. House Bill 320/Senate Bill 212 has been amended and is likely to have additional amendments. The short title for these bills is “Child Welfare/Aging Component/NC Fast.” Senator Stevens has arranged for Case Commons to present a demonstration at the NCACDSS Executive Committee meeting on April 11, 2019.

~ House Bill 539/Senate Bill 539, Temporary Financial Assistance/SA Facilities will be an unfunded mandate should it become law. This bill will provide temporary assistance to facilities licensed to accept State-County Special Assistance payments. The authorized amount per month per resident will be \$184.00 to be paid 50% by the State and 50% by the County for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium. Henderson County currently has 178 recipients of SA/facility payments.

~ Of special interest is Senate Bill 374, Repeal Risky Retirement Payments. This bill proposes to eliminate options 4 and 6 of the current retirement options for Local Government employees and others. These options are proposed to remain available for those retiring prior to July 1, 2020.

~ NCACDSS Bill Tracker will be distributed at the meeting.

**Employees of the Month:** The April Employees of the Month list is attached.