

North Carolina Farmworker Health Program 2015 Profile

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## **Overview**

The North Carolina Farmworker Health Program (NCFHP) is primarily federally funded and administered by the Office of Rural Health (ORH) for migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

- NCFHP supports health centers and other agencies to increase access to health care services for farmworkers and their families.
- Services include outreach to identify and connect farmworkers with needed health services, health education, case management, dental and medical services.
- NCFHP participates in the 340B Drug Pricing Program where eligible patients can receive discounted medications.

#### **Importance**

- Agriculture is a \$70 billion a year industry in North Carolina, and is dependent on a healthy workforce.
- Agriculture is one of the most dangerous occupations in the United States, posing numerous occupational health risks.
- Farmworker populations are traditionally underserved because of barriers to care including transportation, language, cost and isolation.

### Cost, Savings and Program Monitoring

- The program is primarily federally-funded (see figure).
- The program provided outreach, medical and/or dental services to over 8,631 patients.
- The average cost per patient is \$303.23.
- The Farmworker Health Program tracks two critical health issues in the population it serves:
  - Diabetic patients: 32.31% of patients with diabetes had an HbA1c>9 (lower is better).
  - Hypertension patients: 15.72% of patients with hypertension had a blood pressure > 140/90 (lower is better).

Technical Assistance: Supporting safety net infrastructure in vulnerable communities:	
Clinic/Staff Assistance	5 activities
Community Development/Assistance	16 activities
Contract Development/Assistance	35 activities
Site Development/Assistance	198 activities
Support Recruitment and Retention	6 activities
Training Sessions	6 activities
Total TA	266 activities





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- State funds support the administration of the 340B drug pricing program.
- The 340B Drug Pricing Program has saved approximately \$401,190 during SFY 2015.
- The 340B program provided 3,962 prescriptions to 648 patients.

## Program Coverage

In SFY 2015 NCFHP:

- Served 45 counties.
- Contracted with 11 service sites for services plus 4 additional contracts to support services at services sites.
- Supported 29 FTEs in local communities.





\*Non-shaded counties may be served by other farmworker programs

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