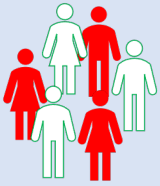


# Combat the NC Behavioral Health Crisis

**The Need:** 1.5 million NC residents have mental health conditions that require care. Over 300,000 have a serious condition.<sup>1</sup>

**The Gap:** Providers are too far, too few, and too expensive

- 94% of NC counties have a behavioral health care provider shortage.<sup>2</sup>
- Half of NC residents with mental health symptoms are not receiving treatment.<sup>1</sup>
- Nearly half cite \$ as main barrier to care.<sup>1</sup>



***How do we bridge the gap?***



Medicaid Expansion

## Support Behavioral Health Initiatives in the Finalized State Budget



Higher Medicaid rates for behavioral health



Crisis support and inpatient options



Primary care integration (ex: NC PAL)



Expanded loan repayment for providers

### Sources:

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