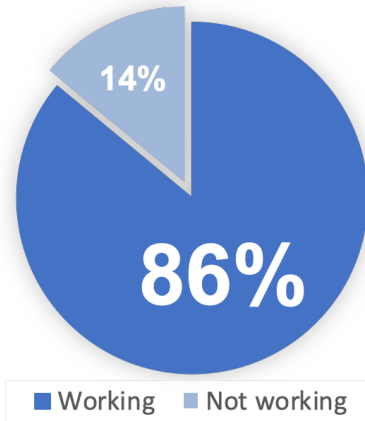


CLOSE THE COVERAGE GAP

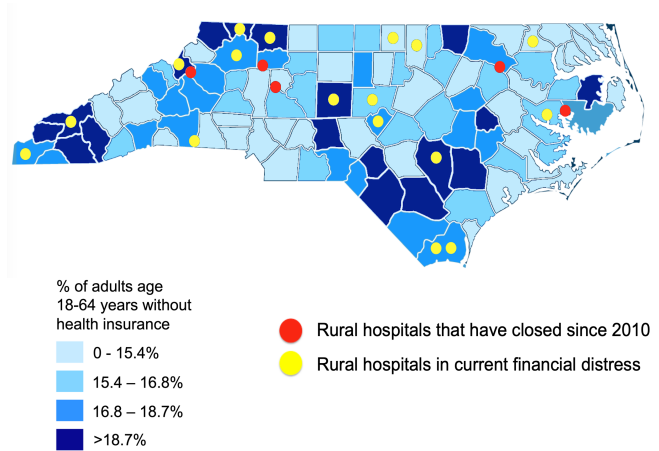
SUPPORT H655 FOR WORKING FAMILIES

Uninsured families are working families



Proportion of Non-Elderly Uninsured Who are Working¹

Rural hospitals are closing



Passing H655 will:

- Provide health insurance to ~400,000 hard-working, low-income North Carolinians²
- Increase access to mental health care and substance abuse treatment
- Create 43,000 new jobs³
- Save rural hospitals from closing
- Decrease total healthcare spending⁴

As physicians, we see the consequences of the coverage gap every day. We treat patients from every county in North Carolina, many of whom are suffering because they are not able to obtain medical care in early stages of their disease due to lack of insurance. H655, by expanding access to Medicaid, allows more North Carolinians to obtain medical care.

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