

# **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

## **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** March 9, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Medicaid Resolution

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

**Attached is a Medicaid Resolution that was drafted by Buncombe County following your joint meeting on February 16, 2005. The Board is requested to approve this resolution.**

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF BUNCOMBE AND HENDERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN  
SUPPORT OF STATE ASSUMPTION OF  
COUNTY SHARE OF MEDICAID COSTS**

- WHEREAS,** Buncombe County FY 2005 Medicaid expenditure is projected to be \$11,222,049; and
- WHEREAS,** Henderson County FY 2005 Medicaid expenditure is projected to be \$5,004,064; and
- WHEREAS,** the combined Medicaid expenditure for North Carolina's 100 counties has increased over 67 per cent in the last five years and now totals approximately \$440 million; and
- WHEREAS,** North Carolina is one of only two states in the nation that require counties to pay a share of all Medicaid services costs; and
- WHEREAS,** in Buncombe County, the county's local Medicaid expenditure represents 6.23 cents of the county tax rate and in Henderson County is expenditure represents approximately 5 cents of the county tax rate; and
- WHEREAS,** in Buncombe County, the per capita costs of total Medicaid dollars for FY 2003 was \$818; and in Henderson County the per capita cost for FY 2003 was \$1,059.
- WHEREAS,** in Buncombe County, the cost per Medicaid client was \$6,639 in FY 2003 and in Henderson County to cost per Medicaid client was \$4,936 ; and
- WHEREAS,** 16.60 percent of all Buncombe County citizens are eligible for Medicaid; and
- WHEREAS,** 15.18 percent of all Henderson County citizens are eligible for Medicaid; and
- WHEREAS,** as of FY 2004 Buncombe County spent \$2,445,295 more in local tax dollars on Medicaid than in FY 1999; and
- WHEREAS,** as of FY 2004 Henderson County spent \$909,465 more in local tax dollars in Medicaid than in FY 1999.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners and the Henderson County Board of Commissioners jointly urge the North Carolina General Assembly to provide immediate Medicaid relief to Buncombe and Henderson Counties.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the General Assembly representing Buncombe and Henderson Counties.

Adopted by Buncombe County this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2005.

Adopted by Henderson County this the 9th day of March, 2005.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

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KATHY HUGHES, CLERK

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NATHAN RAMSEY, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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JOE CONNOLLY, COUNTY ATTORNEY

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

ELIZABETH CORN, CLERK

WILLIAM L. MOYER, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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C. RUSSELL BURRELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY