

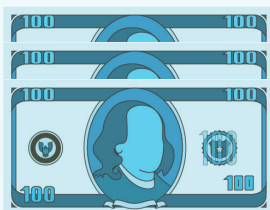
# A HEALTHY, WEALTHY, and WISE DECISION

## to expand Medicaid

## under the American Rescue Plan

North Carolina has a new opportunity to make sure that both the health and wealth of our state recovers from the pandemic!

By expanding Medicaid, NC can gain **an extra \$1.7 billion in federal dollars for two years and more than 600,000 people could see a family doctor.**<sup>1</sup>



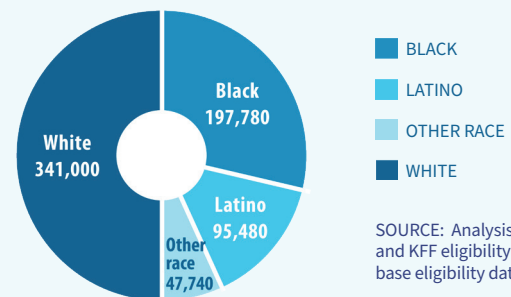
### A great deal got even better!

Under the American Rescue Plan, North Carolina can get at least \$1.7 BILLION from the federal government to expand Medicaid **ON TOP of the federal government paying 90% of the cost for expansion forever!**

- More than 1 in 10 North Carolinians can't see a medical doctor<sup>2</sup>
- Mental health concerns and substance use disorders are on the rise with COVID-19
- 1 in 3 North Carolinians have reported feeling symptoms related to anxiety or depression since April 2020<sup>3</sup>
- There has been a 15% increase in ER visits for substance use or binge drinking<sup>4</sup>
- In May 2020 there were 828 Emergency Department visits due to opioid overdose, compared to 658 in May 2019. This represents a 25% increase<sup>5</sup>

### Expanding Medicaid is a Racial Justice Issue

Number of uninsured who would become eligible for Medicaid if NC expanded



### Expanding Medicaid is Health Justice

- ▶ Only **2%** of justice-involved people are eligible for Medicaid as it is now<sup>6</sup>
- ▶ **71%** of people in NC prisons need long-term substance use disorder treatment and 65% have a mental illness<sup>7</sup>
- ▶ Upon release, an estimated **90%** are uninsured<sup>8</sup>

**NOW IS THE TIME FOR NC TO EXPAND MEDICAID!**

**TAKE ACTION TODAY** and Contact your Legislator to Urge them to Expand Medicaid!