

# THE UPDATE



## CCNC announces new business collaborations with health plans

CCNC begins the new year with the announcement of two new business collaborations with managed care organizations, one with Aetna and the other with WellCare. Both agreements are in preparation for North Carolina's new Medicaid program expected to launch in 2019.

"We are looking forward to expanding our current partnership with Aetna and collaborating with WellCare," said Dr. L. Allen Dobson Jr., president and CEO of CCNC. "CCNC is ready to partner with other health plans that are committed to improving quality and access to care while building on our strong provider infrastructure," Dobson added.

The collaboration with Aetna will provide its members with CCNC's care management services, including access to medical homes, as well as a clinicallyintegrated network (CCPN), and a network of community pharmacists across the state (CPESN).

CCNC's agreement with WellCare offers the joint development and management of population health programs, predictive analytics solutions, and care management models for complex patients.

"We look forward to working with CCPN, CCNC, and CPESN to develop an integrated health care delivery system that builds on existing care management programs, provides a holistic approach to health, and expands the provider/payer collaborative to improve health for the Medicaid and North Carolina Health Choice populations," said Laurie Brubaker, president and CEO of Aetna Medicaid.

Senior vice president of WellCare,

Gregg MacDonald, said, "For years CCNC has provided high-quality healthcare to North Carolinians... Our combined expertise offers Medicaid managed care services and clinical excellence, and importantly, an unwavering dedication to delivering the best possible healthcare to the state's most vulnerable populations."





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Tork Wade (above) honored for expanding access to healthcare in rural North Carolina

### Tork Wade receives the Order of the Long Leaf Pine

Congratulations to Tork Wade, executive vice president for business & provider partnerships at CCNC, on receiving North Carolina's highest honor for public service. Dr. L. Allen Dobson Jr. presented the award to Wade at the winter meeting of the NC Academy of Family Physicians in Asheville, NC last month.

For nearly three decades, Wade has helped lead the state's efforts to improve access to quality health care in rural communities. He was pivotal to developing CCNC's system of medical homes for Medicaid patients and for managing care for individuals with serious chronic illnesses.

"I was deeply moved to receive the Order of the Long Leaf Pine," said Wade. "To have it presented by Dr. Dobson made it all the more special."

Wade is the third recipient from CCNC to win the award. Dr. L. Allen Dobson Jr., was honored in May 1992, and Steve Cline, senior vice president for strategic partnerships, received the honor in August 2017.

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#### CCNC, Inc. chooses three to manage regional business strategies

Earlier this month, Tammie McLean, Tara Kinard, and Jennifer Wehe-Davis were appointed as the three new regional vice presidents at CCNC. These newly established positions are designed to streamline and solidify CCNC's state-wide infrastructure, as well as serve as key leadership representatives in building strategic partnerships across the state.

"Tammie, Tara, and Jennifer are proven leaders who have hands-on experience in managing and providing strategic direction in their respective CCNC networks," said L. Allen Dobson, Jr. "They intimately understand the importance of local relationships and leveraging resources to improve provider satisfaction and optimize patient outcomes."

The new regional vice presidents will play dual roles, continuing to manage their local CCNC networks while directing regional business strategies for CCNC's central office in Raleigh. Geographically, the three vice presidents represent the eastern (Tammie McLean – Pinehurst), central (Tara Kinard – Raleigh), and western (Jennifer Wehe-Davis – Asheville) regions of the state.







Tammie McLean

lennifer Wehe-Davis

### Board chairs re-elected

Congratulations to CCNC, Inc. Board Chairman Charles T. Frock and NCCCN, Inc. Board Chairman John Morrow, MD, MPH upon their re-election. Frock, the former CEO of FirstHealth of the Carolinas, is currently active in a variety of healthcare and charitable organizations. Dr. Morrow is the director of the Pitt County Department of Public Health.





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