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## NC DHHS Updates

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Department of Health and Human Services**

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# Making Progress

- Infant mortality at lowest rate in the 31 years it has been tracked
- Unintentional opioid-related overdose deaths dropped for the first time in 5 years
- Early Childhood Action plan launched with input from more than 1,000 stakeholders
- Nation's first statewide coordinated care network – NCCARE360 –live in 50 counties
- The new Broughton Hospital opened
- Medicaid remains on budget for 6th year in a row
- Back@Home, first statewide disaster rapid rehousing program, housed 1,000+ people

# NC Getting National Attention

- Ranked “high” for public health emergency preparedness by the Trust for America’s Health
- Named best nursing home in NC - Black Mountain Neuro-Medical Treatment Center, operated by the NC DHHS - by Newsweek
- Received national recognition for innovative work
  - Integrating physical and behavioral health
  - Investing in primary care
  - Promoting value-based payment
  - Addressing non-medical drivers of health

# Looking Ahead – Building a Healthier State

- Build an innovative, coordinated, and whole-person centered health system
- Turn the tide on the opioid epidemic
- Ensure that all North Carolina children get a healthy start and develop to their full potential