

# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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## SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Josh Dobson, Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 307B, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

The Honorable Donny Lambeth, Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 303, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603-5925 The Honorable Joyce Krawiec, Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 308, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

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On behalf of Secretary Cohen, the Department is notifying you that this report will be delayed.

Should you have any questions, please contact Maggie Sauer, Director of the Office of Rural Health, at 919-527-6440.

Sincerely,

Mandy Cohen, MD, MPH

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