



# South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium (Agency H53)

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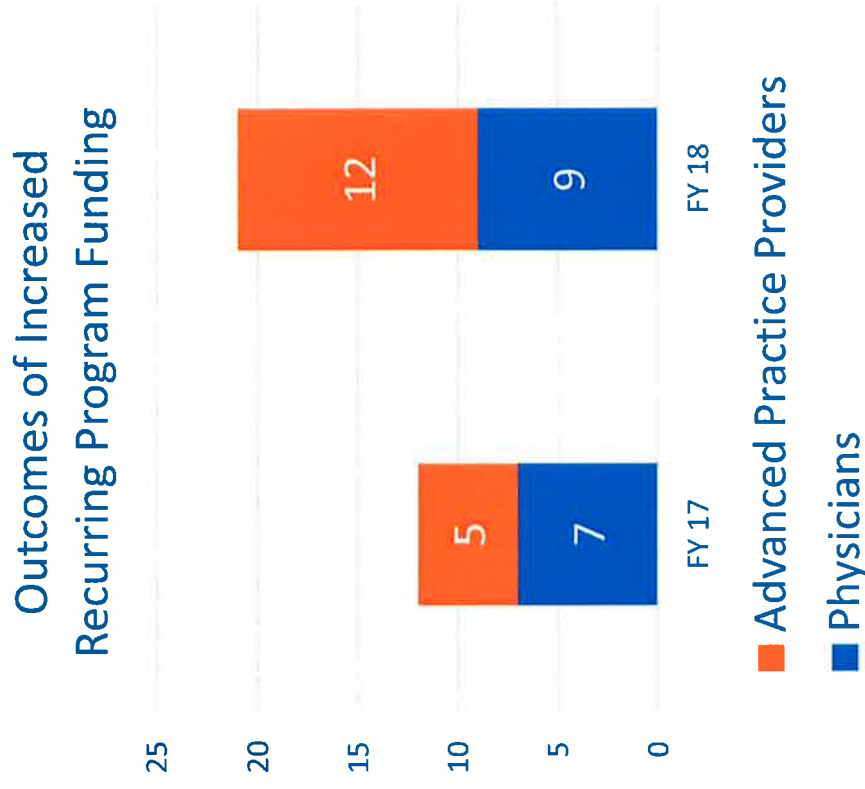
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# FY 17-18 Funding Update

- In FY17-18, the South Carolina AHEC received \$167,287 in recurring funds for the Rural Physician Program
- Combined with the existing \$500,000, the total yearly budget is now \$667,287
- 9 additional providers have been funded with the new recurring funds for a total of 21 providers



# FY 17-18 Funding Update

- New Physicians Funded
  - 7 were in communities with highest priority needs
  - All 9 were in a rural, primary care health professional shortage area (HPSA)
- New Advanced Practice Providers Funded
  - 10 were in communities with highest priority needs
  - All 12 were in a rural, primary care HPSA

# Three Year Funding

|                                     | <u>FY 14-15</u> | <u>FY 15-16</u> | <u>FY 16-17</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Recurring</b>                    |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>General Funds</b>                |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Appropriation</b>                | \$9,752,642     | \$9,772,208     | \$10,222,208    |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                 | \$9,752,642     | \$9,772,208     | \$10,222,208    |
|                                     |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Non-Recurring</b>                |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>General Funds</b>                |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Appropriation</b>                | \$200,000       | \$200,000       | \$0             |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                 | \$0             | \$205,814 *     | \$194,186 *     |
|                                     |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Federal Funds</b>                |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Authorization</b>                | \$844,700       | \$844,700       | \$844,700       |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                 | \$470,642       | \$490,024       | \$501,704       |
|                                     |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Other Funds</b>                  |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Authorization</b>                | \$2,808,927     | \$2,808,927     | \$2,808,927     |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                 | \$1,649,831     | \$4,103,670 **  | \$2,370,328     |
|                                     |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                  |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Appropriation/ Authorization</b> | \$13,606,269    | \$13,625,835    | \$13,875,835    |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                 | \$11,873,115    | \$14,365,902    | \$13,094,240    |

\* Funds carried forward from prior year

\*\* Expenditures include \$1,955,718 transferred from Palmetto Health and expended for the SC DHHS Teaching Supplement.



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# Bill Support

South Carolina AHEC, as part of the Coalition for Increasing Access to Primary Care, enthusiastically supports the preceptor tax incentive bill (H.3630/S.351) to increase the number of practitioners willing to teach students in their offices.



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# Proviso Requests

The South Carolina AHEC has no proviso requests.



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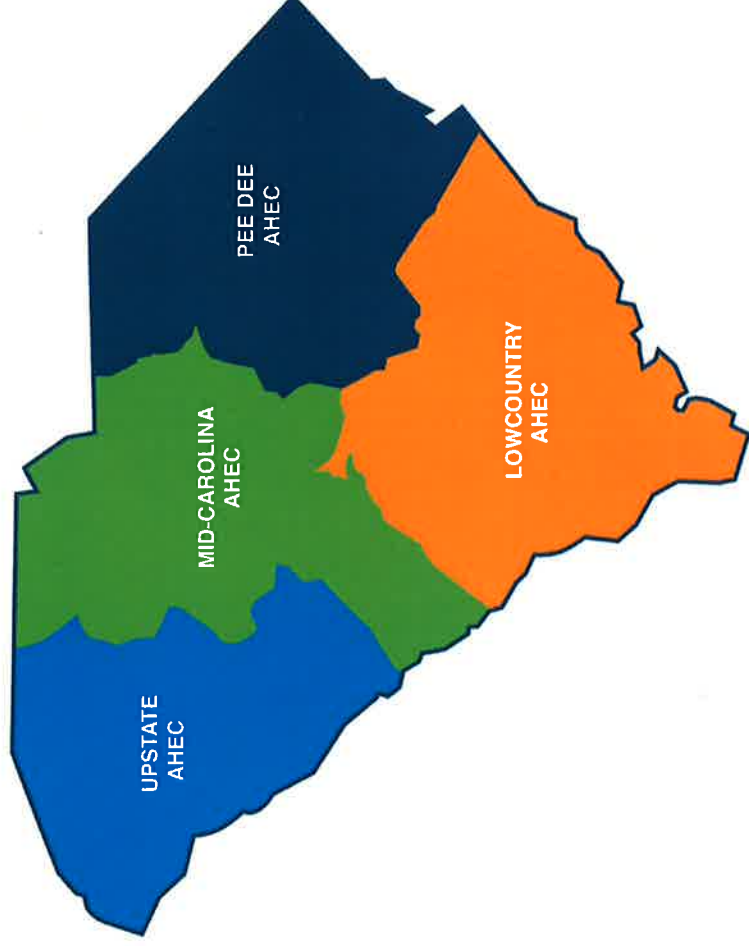
# Budget Request

## **South Carolina AHEC requests no additional funding for FY 19**

- Originally requested \$165,342 in recurring funds in the Governor's Executive Budget to offset an anticipated increase in annual lease costs
- The annual lease increase will not be as large as was originally expected
- The requested increase is withdrawn



# South Carolina AHEC



The South Carolina AHEC connects students and professionals with the tools, training and resources necessary to provide quality healthcare, with a focus on primary care in rural and underserved communities.

We provide education, recruitment and retention programs to build and support the healthcare workforce South Carolina needs.



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# Program Areas



**Health Careers Pipeline Programs**  
Prepare underrepresented students for academic success and entry into health professions programs



**Continuing Professional Development**  
Provides education for health care professionals to enhance their clinical skills and maintain licensure



**Health Professions Student Programs**  
Facilitate health professions student training placements in rural and underserved communities



**Telehealth Education**  
Educates students and health care professionals about emerging trends in telehealth and technology



**Graduate Medical Education**  
Collaborate with the South Carolina family medicine residency training programs



**SC Office for Healthcare Workforce**  
Analyzes and provides information about the health care workforce in South Carolina. Learn more at [www.scohw.org](http://www.scohw.org)



**Recruitment & Retention Programs**  
Offer financial incentives to clinicians who want to practice in rural and underserved communities

# AHEC Programs Align with the Rural Health Action Plan

- 1. Access to Health Care**
  - Partnering with the SC Telehealth Alliance to provide education on telehealth
- 2. Recruitment & Retention of Rural Providers**
  - Health careers program prepares rural students for health careers
  - SC Office for Healthcare Workforce analyzes workforce needs and trends
- 3. Timely Health Care Services**
  - Member of the Alliance for Healthier South Carolina to support population health initiatives
- 4. Leadership Development**
  - Provide students with clinical experiences in rural communities
- 5. Statewide Collaboration**



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# Statewide Collaboration

- South Carolina DHEC Primary Care Office
  - Rural Physician & Rural Dentist Programs
- South Carolina Office of Rural Health
  - Rural Physician Program
- South Carolina Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare
  - Advisory Board Member
- Region IV Public Health Training Center
  - Partner to support rural training experiences for public health students
- Rural Health Action Plan Task Force
  - Member



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# Statewide Collaboration

- USC College of Social Work
  - Rural provider retention and interprofessional practice programs (ICARED grant)
  - USC Interprofessional Behavioral Health Advisory Council member
- South Carolina Telehealth Alliance
  - Co-chair Education Committee with Palmetto Care Connections
- Alliance for a Healthier South Carolina
  - Member
- MUSC and USC (various colleges)
  - Institute for Primary Care & AHEC Scholars



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# Key Outcomes

- Health Careers Program
  - 1,730 contact hours of certifications provided to high school students in preparation for careers in the health professions
- Health Professions Student Program
  - 757 community-based placements in rural and/or underserved locations
  - 1,205 days of interprofessional housing assignments in rural/underserved areas

# Key Outcomes

- Graduate Medical Education
  - 214 family medicine residents trained last year
- Recruitment & Retention
  - 85% in-state practice retention rate for Rural Physician Incentive Grant recipients
  - \$100,000 contract from Marlboro County General Hospital Foundation to provide loan repayment to medical providers practicing in Marlboro County
- Continuing Professional Development
  - 99,061 contact hours of education
  - 8,959 participants from medically underserved communities



# Key Outcomes

- Telehealth Education
  - Connected 230 participants from 10 videoconference locations across the state for the Alliance for a Healthier SC Population Health Summit
  - Partnered with various academic institutions and health systems to publish 9 online telehealth modules
- SC Office for Healthcare Workforce
  - 9 new reports and data briefs published in 2017

# Questions?

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