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***Florida Decides Healthcare Applauds North Carolina's Bipartisan Medicaid Expansion and Sees Greater Momentum for Florida's Ballot Initiative***

Tallahassee, FL – Florida Decides Healthcare, the organization leading the charge to expand Medicaid in Florida, congratulates the state of North Carolina on the recent bipartisan passage of a bill expanding Medicaid in their state. The passage of this bill, which was supported by the Republican-controlled legislature, signifies a continued shift in the political landscape and indicates a growing desire and probability of success for a Medicaid expansion ballot initiative in Florida.

The North Carolina Medicaid expansion bill will provide healthcare coverage to an estimated 600,000 low-income residents, reducing the number of uninsured individuals and improving the state's overall health. This success story from a state with a similar political makeup as Florida showcases that expanding Medicaid is not only possible, but it can also be a bipartisan effort that benefits both individuals and the state's economy.

"We are thrilled to see the bipartisan support for Medicaid expansion in North Carolina, which demonstrates that healthcare access is not a partisan issue, but a human one," said Jake Flaherty, campaign manager for Florida Decides Healthcare. "We believe this momentum will carry over to Florida, where our residents are eager to see a similar expansion and reap the benefits of a healthier, more productive population."

Florida Decides Healthcare is committed to bringing the Medicaid expansion to Florida's ballot, which would extend healthcare coverage to over 1 million low-income Floridians including those who currently fall into the "coverage gap." These individuals earn too much to qualify for traditional Medicaid but not enough to afford coverage through the health insurance marketplace.

The ballot initiative in Florida will not only benefit those who gain coverage but also provide a much-needed economic boost to the state. Expanding Medicaid would create more than

130,000 new jobs, reduce uncompensated care costs, and generate more than \$2B in annual savings for the state budget.

Florida Decides Healthcare will continue to work tirelessly to gather support for the Medicaid expansion ballot initiative. The organization encourages all Floridians to join them in the fight for a healthier and more prosperous state.

For more information or to get involved with Florida Decides Healthcare, visit [www.floridadecideshealthcare.org](http://www.floridadecideshealthcare.org).

About Florida Decides Healthcare:

Florida Decides Healthcare is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to expanding healthcare access for all Floridians. The organization is spearheading a ballot initiative to expand Medicaid in Florida, providing coverage for more than 1 million Floridians currently without access to affordable healthcare. With a focus on improving the health and well-being of Floridians, Florida Decides Healthcare is committed to making healthcare a reality for those who need it most.