AccessHealth

AccessHealth supports 30 networks of care providing access to primary and specialty care providers, care coordination, and case management services to chronically ill low income, uninsured individuals to improve health outcomes and reduce avoidable hospital utilization and costs.

The Need in Gaston County

More than 7,711 low-income adults in Gaston County live without health insurance. HealthNet Gaston is a network that coordinates access to a full continuum of healthcare for low income residents. By ensuring timely, affordable, high-quality care, the network gets underserved patients to the right care in the right place at the right time. To do this, HealthNet Gaston works closely with safety net providers, such as community health centers, and hospitals. (Network metrics reflect 2021 data.)

7,711
Gaston County

Our Approach

HealthNet Gaston connects low-income and uninsured patients to a primary care medical home as well as available donated specialty medical care and prescription medications. The network also provides patient navigation and case management services.

1-County
Service Area

9 Community
Partners

5-Person Team
Enrollment/referral specialists, case managers, community health workers

8,643
Annual Primary Care Visits
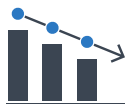
2,767
Annual Specialty Care Visits

Our Impact

About 2,500 patients are enrolled in HealthNet Gaston. To maximize impact, the network prioritizes case management for high-risk patients, including those with poorly controlled diabetes, hypertension, multiple chronic conditions and those recently discharged from a hospital inpatient stay or the ED.

11,148
patients enrolled since program inception

4,019
30-day prescriptions filled

63%
reduction in avoidable ED visits in the 12 months following enrollment

65%
reduction in avoidable inpatient admissions in the 12 months following enrollment

4-in-5
diabetic enrollees has controlled diabetes

Network Return on Investment
(ROI calculated by combining estimated dollar value of services donated and hospital costs avoided before subtracting and dividing by the network annual operating budget.)

$15 for every **one dollar invested**

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