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## Budget Talking Points

- 2009 Medicaid provider cuts totaled \$76 million in state funds
- 2010 Medicaid provider cuts exceeded \$100 million in state funds
- The proposed \$26 million Medicaid provider cut would be the third such cut in this biannual budget cycle when Medicaid providers have already been reduced by over \$175 million.
  - When considering the federal matching funds lost by reductions in state Medicaid spending, North Carolina is losing more than half a billion dollars.
  - The Governor agreed that this cut should not be implemented when it was first proposed back in August.
- Any relief from the current cut would not preclude the possibility of cuts in the next budget.
- Providers impacted by these cuts: physicians, hospitals, long term care facilities, mental health providers, etc.
- Providers are offering solutions to necessary savings through participation in Community Care of North Carolina, saving the state more than \$ 200 million annually.
- Adequate Medicaid reimbursement rates are critical to maintaining a strong provider network and viable program.