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Community Partners to Bring NC MedAssist's Free Mobile Pharmacy and Health Care Resources to Individuals in Need

Franklin, NC (September 19, 2018) - - NC MedAssist will hold a Mobile Free Pharmacy Event in Franklin on Thursday, October 11. The event, which is in collaboration with Carolina Complete Health, is open to any low-income individual or family needing free health screenings, education and/or over-the-counter medications. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Macon County Community Facilities Building (1288 Georgia Road, Franklin, NC 28734). Identification is not required to participate.

"NC MedAssist is excited to host its first Mobile Free Pharmacy event in Macon County," stated CEO Lori Giang. "Together with our community partner, Carolina Complete Health, we are bringing free over-the-counter medications, like Tylenol and Band-Aids, to area residents. No one should ever go without medicine and The Mobile Free Pharmacy Program enables us to reach those who are unaware of our free resources."

Individuals will receive up to up to 10 safe, non-expired medicine cabinet items for their family/home. Additionally, participants will receive other free healthcare services like information on NC MedAssist Free Pharmacy Program and community health resources. NC MedAssist's overall goal is to help ease the burden for those who are making the choice between buying food or purchasing medication.

The event is completely volunteer run and we expect to serve over 800 participants. NC MedAssist is partnering with Carolina Complete Health and other safety-net organizations to recruit community members to serve in roles such as pharmacy consultation, client 'personal shoppers', and sorters. If you would like to volunteer, please visit www.medassist.org to sign up.

Carolina Complete Health will be assisting participants in the selection of reading glasses. The free readers will be provided on a first come first served basis.

There are currently more than 2,600 people in Macon County that live below the Federal Poverty Level and do not qualify for insurance. Last fiscal year, NC MedAssist dispensed over \$63 million in free prescription medication statewide. For more information on the Mobile Free Pharmacy and NC MedAssist, please visit www.medassist.org.

About NC MedAssist: Founded in 1997, NC MedAssist is a statewide non-profit pharmacy that provides free prescription medicines to low-income, uninsured North Carolinians. NC MedAssist offers three programs that address the needs of children and adults: the Free Pharmacy Program, the Mobile Free Pharmacy, and the Senior Care Program. NC MedAssist dispenses more than \$48.5 million worth of free prescription medication to 15,000 low-income North Carolinians each year. To learn more about NC MedAssist and find out how to get involved, visit www.medassist.org, like us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#).

About Carolina Complete Health: Established to deliver quality healthcare to low income populations in North Carolina under the state's Medicaid Transformation initiative, Carolina Complete Health is a partnership between the North Carolina Medical Society (NCMS) and Centene Corporation, working in conjunction with the North Carolina Community Health Center Association (NCCHCA). For more information, please visit www.carolinacompletehealth.com.

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