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## News Release

### Public Health Recognized for Pediatric Services

**March 9, 2015, Monroe, NC** – The Union County Division of Public Health was recognized on Feb. 25 for Exceptional Implementation of Best Practice Pediatric Initiatives associated with the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA).

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Service Administration awarded grants in five categories. The grant, known as CHIPRA Connect, was launched in March 2011 to assist participating practices within Community Care of North Carolina networks to implement a medical home for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) with a focus on social-emotional, developmental and behavioral health.

The Union County Division of Public Health, as part of CHIPRA Connect, began quality improvement work in obesity, behavioral health and development screening.

Public Health was a pilot site for the Children’s Healthy Eating Training (CHET). As a result of this successful pilot, the CHET program has spread to other pediatric offices in Union, Mecklenburg and New Hanover counties.

Data indicates BMI documentation and evidence of counseling by clinic staff is consistently at 100 percent for June 2012 - July 2014. CHIPRA Project Developmental Screening rate for 6-month and 2-year-olds consistently was at 80 – 100 percent.

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