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Shelter Health Services Joins AcessPointe Health System to Expand Care for People Experiencing Homelessness in Mecklenburg County

CONCORD, N.C. — Effective October 1, 2026, AcessPointe Health System (APHS) has acquired Shelter Health Services (SHS), bringing SHS into its network to expand access to care across Mecklenburg County. The move builds on a partnership dating to 2022, through which APHS has provided medical, dental, and behavioral health services by mobile unit to residents of the Salvation Army Center of Hope.

Joining the APHS network creates a more coordinated approach to care for Center of Hope residents and the broader community. SHS patients will have stronger connections to ongoing primary care, behavioral health, dental care, and other services. APHS plans to expand SHS patient service hours from 24 to 40 hours per week and increase mobile services throughout Mecklenburg County, focusing on people in transitional living situations and underserved communities.

“Our teams have worked alongside one another since 2022, bringing care directly to residents of the Center of Hope,” said Don Holloman, CEO of AcessPointe Health System. “Bringing Shelter Health Services into APHS gives us a more consistent way to connect patients with the services they need, follow up on their care, and improve health outcomes over time.”

“Shelter Health Services has earned the trust of patients by meeting them where they are,” said Iris Smalls-Hubbard, Executive Director of Shelter Health Services. “Joining APHS will help us build on that work, reach more people, and connect our patients to a broader network of care while keeping the personal relationships at the heart of our mission.”

The acquisition follows approvals by the boards of both organizations. SHS staff will join APHS, and APHS will continue working with the volunteers and community partners who are central to SHS’s work. Funds designated by donors or grants for specific purposes will continue to be used in accordance with those restrictions. Care will continue during the transition, and current SHS patients may use their usual SHS contacts for appointments and questions.

This integration advances APHS’s commitment to expand access and improve care throughout Mecklenburg County, especially for people experiencing homelessness. By bringing clinic-based and mobile services closer to the community and connecting patients to ongoing care, APHS and its partners will work to improve health outcomes, one patient at a time.

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About AcessPointe Health System

AcessPointe Health System, formerly Cabarrus Rowan Community Health Centers, serves nearly 20,000 patients through 23 sites across Cabarrus, Rowan, Mecklenburg, and Forsyth counties. Its services include primary medical care, dental care, behavioral health, pharmacy, urgent care, imaging, school-based care, and mobile health services. APHS provides care regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Learn more at APHS.org.

About Shelter Health Services

Shelter Health Services provides health care to people experiencing homelessness and others facing barriers to care in Mecklenburg County. Its staff, volunteers, and community partners work to make care accessible and responsive to the needs of the people they serve.

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