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**State Health Plan**

for Teachers and State Employees

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## **Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Follow Up**

**The State of NC received funds through the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement allocated as follows:**

- A.** Fifty percent (50%) of funds created the Golden Leaf Foundation, whose mission is to provide economic impact assistance to economically affected or tobacco-dependent regions of NC.
- B.** Fifty percent (50%) of funds allocated to the Settlement Reserve Fund, a restricted reserve in the General Fund, established by NC Gen Stat 143-16.4. The NCGA then allocated these funds as follows
  - a. Twenty five percent (25%) to a trust fund for the direct and indirect financial assistance to tobacco producers, allotment holders, and persons engaged in tobacco-related businesses.
  - b. Twenty five percent (25%) to create the Health and Wellness Trust Fund whose mission is to address health and wellness issues for North Carolinians.

### **Golden Leaf Foundation Grants**

**Focus Most Pertinent to SHP:** Job creation and retention projects of particular interest include efforts to create opportunities for employment with new and existing businesses in tobacco-dependent, economically distressed, and/or rural communities, particularly in the healthcare sector.

### **Health and Wellness Trust Fund**

**Areas of Focus Most Pertinent to SHP:** HWTF has focused mostly on tobacco cessation campaigns, including supporting the NC Quitline for teens and college students, and started addressing obesity reduction, increased fitness and health disparities in the last five years.

Wake County Superior Court (98 Cvs 14377) Consent Decree and Final Judgment in the State of NC vs. Philip Morris Inc., et al, December 21, 1998. See Section VI "Monetary Relief."

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