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The Community Agrees: MAHEC Is Among the Best in WNC

Readers of Mountain Xpress vote MAHEC in the top of six categories

(Asheville, NC – August 20, 2025): MAHEC has been named No. 1 Best Place to Get Medical Care When Under- or Uninsured in the 2025 [Best of WNC](#) contest conducted by *Mountain Xpress*. That's after a 2nd place finish in that category in 2024 and 3rd place in 2023 and 2022.



With significant competition and thousands of readers casting their votes in this highly competitive regional awards program, now in its 31st year, MAHEC earned impressive recognition in six total categories:

- Best Place to Get Medical Care When Under- or Uninsured: No. 1
- Best Family Medical Practice: No. 2
- Best Therapist or Counseling Center: No. 2
- Best Maternity Care/Service: No. 2
- Best Women's Health Center: No. 3
- Best Health & Wellness-Focused Nonprofit: No. 3

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More About MAHEC

Established more than five decades ago, [MAHEC—Mountain Area Health Education Center](#)—is a leader in healthcare, education, and innovation, with a mission to inspire and equip the next generation of healthcare professionals and expand access to care for all.

As an academic health center, MAHEC provides residency and fellowship training programs for physicians, pharmacists, and dentists, offers countless professional development opportunities, and is home to branch campuses of the UNC schools of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and public health. A Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), MAHEC offers care offered at our main, 14-acre [Biltmore location in Asheville as well as at numerous satellites](#).

Our providers can be found in 200+ medical practices, hospitals, and other clinical sites, while nurses, therapists, and oral health providers care for children in schools. The largest of nine Area Health Education Centers in North Carolina, MAHEC is a private, [501\(c\)3 nonprofit organization](#) and one of the largest nonprofit employers in the mountain region with more than 1,100 employees. For more information, visit [mahec.net](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [X](#).

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