

Sample Phone, Email, or Letter Scripts -- *Please personalize all items in red.*

- 1) I am [calling/writing] to ask that [Delegate/Senator NAME] support the budget amendment to add a dental benefit for adults already enrolled in Medicaid (Item 303 #31h, Item 303 #7s). The need for dental care in this area is enormous; a dental benefit will enable your low-income constituents to access dental services and avoid painful, deadly, and costly dental infections, and will lead to improved employability, health, and well-being.

Choose to include one of the following data points:

- Virginia spent \$3.31 million on 12,617 visits to the emergency department (ED) for dental related pain and infection - no treatment is provided in the ED; if these adults had a dental benefit they could seek care and treatment in an appropriate dental setting.
 - 26% of older adults making less than \$25,000 per year report complete tooth loss; only 5% of older adults with incomes over \$50,000 per year report complete tooth loss.
 - Adults miss nearly 2 million hours of work yearly in the Commonwealth because of dental pain and disease.
- 2) [Delegate/Senator NAME] please support a dental benefit in Medicaid for enrolled adults so that people in your district can afford dental services – and stop going without. **Insert personal story or anecdote.**

Choose to include one of the following data points:

- Over 50% of Virginians without dental coverage put off seeing a dentist because of cost.
- Among Virginia adults without dental coverage, 60% are Hispanic – significantly higher when compared to White and Black non-Hispanic groups.
- One urban hospital in Virginia reports \$1.4 million in charges for 889 emergency department visits for dental-related issues.

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Note: *we encourage you to contact committee members on the following lists in addition to your Senator and Delegate (if different).*

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- 3) I am [calling/writing] to ask [Delegate/Senator NAME] to support budget amendment Item 303 #31h, Item 303 #7s to ensure that adults in your district can access dental care if they are enrolled in Medicaid. Adding a dental benefit will enable just over 300,000 individuals, most of whom are elderly or disabled, to access dental services so that they can better manage chronic disease and avoid painful and life-threatening dental disease.

Choose to include one of the following data points:

- With dental treatment, diabetics had an average reduction of 39% in annual hospital admissions, an annual average of 13% fewer physician visits and a \$2,840 reduction in annual medical costs; similar cost savings are shown for individuals with heart disease and stroke.
- A recent study showed one Virginia nursing home saved \$1.93 million dollars in 13 months through tooth brushing, which prevented costly and dangerous pneumonia.
- 54% of older adults cited dental care as their most frequent unmet need, second only to transportation. Medicare does not provide any dental coverage.

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