

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

VIRGINIA ORAL HEALTH COALITION

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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PREPARING FOR THE 2018 SESSION



> **The 2018 Session begins January 10, 2018**

> **Initial Outreach has begun**

- Summer, 2017 - VaOHC staff and lobbyist have talked with key decision makers about VaOHC's potential legislative priorities to get a sense of their level of support
 - Governor McAuliffe's Policy Office
 - DMAS Staff
 - Key legislators

BUDGET PROCESS



- Governor McAuliffe will present a new proposed biennium budget to the legislature on December 17, 2017
 - The Governor will leave office Jan. 9, 2018
 - The new Governor, elected in November, 2017 will likely significantly change the introduced biennium budget
- Budget setting process:

State agency makes recommendations → Cabinet Secretary reviews state agency recommendations and makes recommendations to → Department of Planning and Budget, the agency that develops the budget → Governor's Policy Office review's DPB recommendations → Governor reviews DPB proposed budget

- The process generally begins in August;
- State revenues can influence final numbers

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BUDGET PROCESS – REBASING



As part of the introduction of a new biennial budget, state agencies are asked to recalculate their base funding needs (commonly referred to as rebasing).

Rebasing allows the state agencies to account for inflation and other unforeseen additional costs for previously approved expenditures

When DMAS rebases its budget, Medicaid rebasing figures are generally greater than other rebasing estimates – potentially causes include:

- Medical inflation is greater than traditional inflation
- A potential increase in the number of individuals eligible for Medicaid

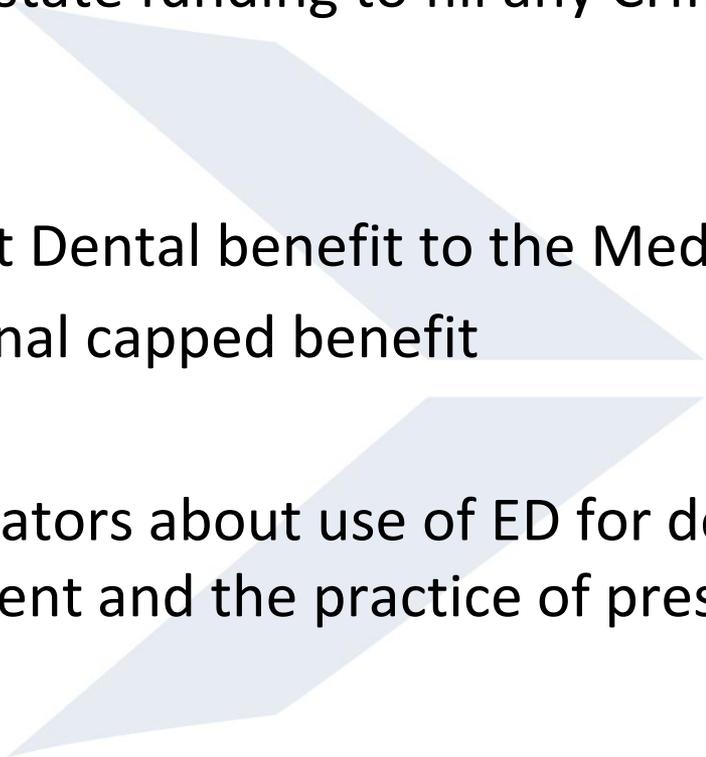
The Rebasing of the Medicaid budget must be submitted to DPB by Sept. 11, 2017

Rebasing will increase overall projected Medicaid expenditures

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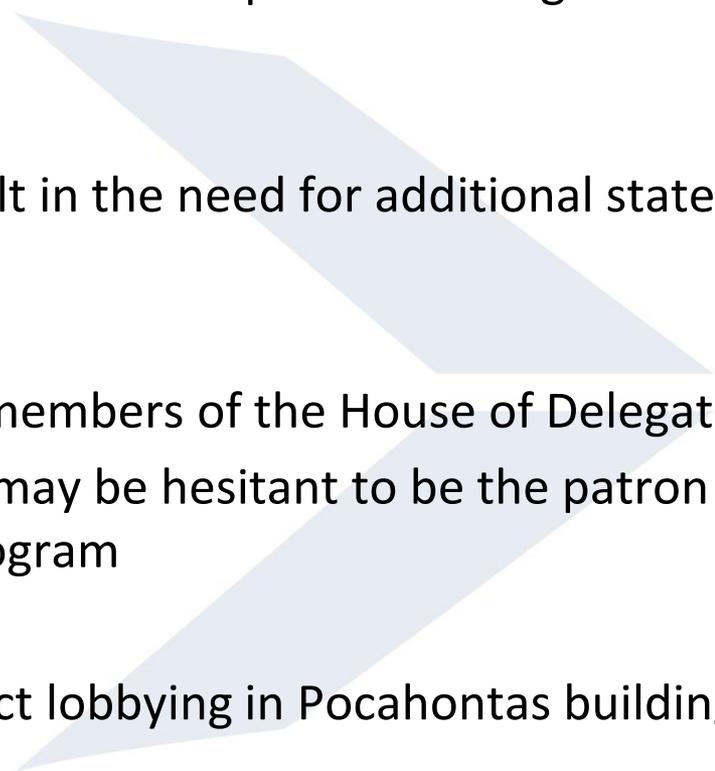
POTENTIAL ITEMS FOR THE 2018 VAOHC LEGISLATION AGENDA



- > Advocating for state funding to fill any CHIP federal funding shortfalls
 - > Adding an Adult Dental benefit to the Medicaid Program with an optional capped benefit
 - > Educating legislators about use of ED for dental issues – without treatment and the practice of prescribing of opioids to alleviate pain
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OTHER KEY INFLUENCES



- > Election of a new Governor and new Cabinet
 - Administrative branch's position on legislative initiatives will be unknown.
 - > Rebasing will result in the need for additional state funds for the Medicaid program
 - > Election Year for members of the House of Delegates
 - Republicans may be hesitant to be the patron of requests for funding for a new program
 - > Limitation on direct lobbying in Pocahontas building
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LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE AND DATES



- > Dec. 17th - Governor unveils his proposed budget
 - > Jan. 10th – Beginning of the 2018 Session
 - > Feb. 7th – Crossover
 - > March 10 – 2018 Session scheduled to adjourn
 - > April 18th – Reconvened Legislative Session
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Discussion

