



Legislative Overview 2018

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Virginia Oral Health Coalition

Our Mission

Ensuring all Virginians can access affordable, comprehensive health care that includes oral health by

- Championing supportive federal, state, and local policies through our advocacy work
- Facilitating community-based initiatives to address known barriers to oral health access through our regional alliances
- Building a health system that includes oral health as an integral part of comprehensive health through our oral health integration efforts
- Fostering a community that understands health care is an equity issue and seeks to learn from others through our monthly update and annual Summit



VaOHC Structure and Activities

- 14-member Board of Directors
- 7-member staff
- Three active committees
 - Policy
 - Early Dental Home
 - Report Card
- Regional Alliances
 - Greater Richmond & Petersburg Oral Health Alliance
 - South Hampton Roads Regional Oral Health Alliance
 - Northern Virginia Oral Health Alliance



Policy Committee

The Coalition's policy committee helps to shape our advocacy efforts by providing recommendations to our board of directors about specific legislation and policy positions that support the Coalition's Guiding Principles.

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Governor's Introduced Budget Amendments

- Revenues exceeded forecast – all surplus is allocated
 - Required deposits to Rainy Day and Water Quality Improvement Fund
- Medicaid's \$462 M shortfall is "paid"
- More oversight of Medicaid Budget Process
 - Budget language to create more oversight of the forecasting process through the Secretaries of Health, Finance and Administrations', the Department of Planning and Budget and staff for the House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees to be involved in the forecasting and required quarterly meeting with DMAS staff
 - DMAS staff to analyze quarterly if expenditures exceed forecast
 - DMAS staff can make recommendations for change if exceeding forecasted spending
 - More potential for program changes

Virginia Budget

- Level funding for MOM project (\$116,280 each year)
- No changes to safety net funding despite expansion of Medicaid program
- Language to require essential health benefits be included in plans offered to Medicaid expansion population



VaOHC Ongoing Priorities

- **Medicaid**

- Ensure Medicaid policies, eligibility and services enable affordable access to comprehensive health services that include oral health

- **Federal Policies**

- Monitor federal regulations and laws to inform Virginia advocacy efforts; support national partner advocacy efforts.

- **Fluoride**

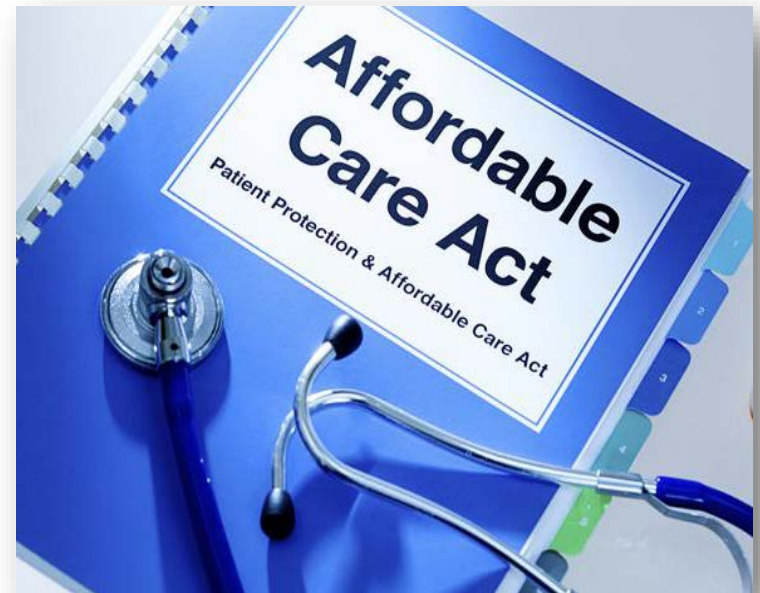
- Partner with community advocates to ensure public water systems are fluoridated.

- **Medicare**

- Medicare does not cover any dental services. The Coalition works with several national partners advocating for change.

2019 Federal Issues

- Protect the ACA
 - Medicaid Expansion
- Medicaid
 - Block grants
 - Work requirements
- CMS Rules
 - Transportation
 - Network adequacy



VaOHC 2019 Legislative Initiative

- Budget language to create a workgroup that will determine what data to collect to determine the cost to the state for patient's use of the ER for dental services
 - Will help make the case that a benefit will result in cost savings to the state
 - Hospitals invested in paying for Medicaid services because of the assessment on them to pay for the state share of expansion

What does ALL OF this mean for oral health?

- Data will:
 - Identify Cost Savings
 - Identify Need
 - Identify Population Health Factors
 - Solidify Partnerships
- POLICY MAKERS NEED TO HEAR FROM US



2019 Legislative Action Day

Join our staff and health advocates from across the Commonwealth on **Wednesday, January 30** for the **2019 Legislative Action Day**! We will be advocating during the General Assembly session for a comprehensive dental benefit for all adults enrolled in Medicaid.

Be a part of our action day and let your voice be heard!



Up Next

- Regular Updates
- Legislative Session
 - Begins January 9th
- Legislative Action Day
 - January 30th



Stay Involved!!!

Policy Committee
Regional Alliances
Early Dental Home Workgroup
Report Card Workgroup (Statewide)





Questions???

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