



2026 Legislative Session Meeting 7/14/2026 @ 11 A.M.

Welcome

Transition

What's in the Budget?

- [ACA State Subsidies](#) : \$150.0m - Funds **2027** reduction program (138%-250% FPL)
- H.R. 1: Work reporting support: \$3.5m - Reqs Secs of HHR & Labor to provide work support; sets up task force; funds outreach & workforce training
- Maintains FAMIS prenatal
- Increases free clinic (\$10m) & FQHC (\$5m) funds
- Pauses inflation adjust.; reqs rehab hospital rate update; gives onetime nursing home reimburse. increase & delays update to Jul 2030
- Directs VDSS to provide an annual update on funding to LDSS offices, including how much federal & state funding each DSS receives, what programs the funding covers, and how much money each LDSS needs to contribute from local funds.

HR1 Implementation Updates

CMS Guidance on Work Rep. Req.'s - June 1st

- IFR differs significantly from guidance that CMS had informally been giving states before June 1st. This is a problem because states already had to start making systems changes to prepare for work reporting requirements.
- The biggest change is that the IFR imposes a new definition for medical frailty that was absent in HR1 language. To be considered medically frail, individuals will have to show that their medical condition prevents them from working—this exceeds the statute and is prejudicial to Medicaid members.
- Medical frailty will also have to be re-verified every 12 months, even if the medical condition can't be expected to change.
- Notice requirements in the IFR are also burdensome to the state, and will be confusing to applicants.
- Definitions of work, school, and community service are more favorable. For example, unpaid work (including as a family caregiver!) counts towards the 80 hours, and students will still be considered in school during regular breaks.



- Document verification: the state will first attempt to automatically verify work requirement compliance or an exemption. If that fails, the state will send individuals a verification request. In 2027, CMS will allow self-attestation letters in most cases.

VA HR1 implementation

- Virginia has joined a multi-state [lawsuit](#) against the work reporting requirement IFR.
- In general, VA is adopting all the most flexible work reporting requirement options and attempting to mitigate coverage loss. However, Medicaid members will face challenges retaining coverage due to VA's antiquated public benefits technology and overburdened LDSS offices.
- Technology upgrades for HR1:
 - CommonHelp updates: replacement underway, changes made in the meantime to improve functionality, VPLC submitted recommendations, work reporting requirement portal to be embedded into CommonHelp.
 - VaCMS replacement project upcoming.
 - DMAS [churn dashboard](#) should show HR1-related disenrollments.
- DMAS outreach campaign on October HR1 immigrant eligibility cuts:
 - REMINDER: children and pregnant people are unaffected. Nonpregnant adult eligibility will be cut to only Lawful Permanent Residents, Cuban/Haitian Entrants, and COFA Migrants.
 - DMAS will send out letters to possibly affected noncitizen members in August. Letters will inform members about the eligibility cuts, and will request updated immigration documents.
 - Concerns: national experts believe that the federal data hub will not adequately identify still-eligible noncitizens. This will put a lot of pressure on caseworkers to conduct their own independent eligibility screenings. VPLC is talking to state officials about this.

Policy Priorities Discussion

- *Work Req needs*
- *CHIP coverage to 300% FPL*
- *EM Cancer*
- *Possibly Cover All Kids?*
- Supporting School Based Health Centers, including dedicated changes to ensure they can access Medicaid reimbursement
- *CHW developments*

Announcements/What's Next



- Announcement
 - Meetings are now monthly
 - Next meeting: August
 - Social media: Instagram & X: HAVCoalition
- Next steps

Partner Share Out

Closure of 8 school-based clinics in South West Virginia.

- <https://www.sbhava.org/>

SAVE | USCIS

ACLU Voting Rights Project had begun to get the Virginia state health insurance exchange to provide voter registration opportunities. At the time the ACLU was looking for potential plaintiffs for a lawsuit.

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