



Medicaid Assisters & Advocates

June 2026 Newsletter Update

MOVE 2 HEALTH EQUITY SOCIAL

At the end of May, Move2HealthEquity hosted a Medicaid Assister & Advocate social with speakers from the Virginia Healthcare Foundation, Signup Now, Enroll VA, as well as Charlottesville and Albemarle Department of Social Services.

Check out the Virginia Healthcare Foundation's Chief Policy & Strategy Officer, Joanna Fowler as she shares updates about the upcoming changes to Medicaid in Virginia. This 25 minute presentation shares Medicaid updates as of May 2026.

Check out our youtube below for the full Medicaid Social video and future recordings! The full presentation includes updates from our local Charlottesville and Albemarle Department of Social Services, and other partners.

Access to Healthcare: Medicaid Assister & Advocate Social

Learn about the current state of Medicaid enrollment, access, and the landscape of public benefits in Virginia as of May 2026. Our Medicaid Assister & Advocate Social shares space with our partners at DSS, Enroll VA, and the Virginia Healthcare Foundation.

May 21, 2026



Watch Full Social
(1 hour)

Watch Presentation
(25 min)



MEDICAID TRAINING UPDATES

Renewal Date: September 2026

As the Medicaid landscape changes, so does the Medicaid Assister training. Our partners have been navigating changes in curriculum, renewal requirements, and roll-out issues. All of which have played a part in the delayed access to training.

We are working to update Assister accounts with phone numbers so that trainings can be sent and re-sent; however, we were recently informed that all Medicaid Assisters will need to renew their 10 hour training in September due to a change in requirements. There is an **annual re-certification process** that is less arduous for



Assisters compared to the initial training, but the September re-certification is a state-wide change that will impact all trained Medicaid Assisters.

If Assisters have been trained, the re-certification will be shorter and less arduous but for folks that have not yet been trained, **we recommend either waiting or training first as a Medicaid Advocate until September 2026**. This way, Assisters will not need to re-certify twice in a year.

Thank you for joining Move2HealthEquity on the journey of Medicaid Assisting & our collective goal of reducing the administrative burdens on our neighbors.

RE: MEDICAID ASSISTER TRAINING EMAIL

If you are waiting on your Medicaid Assister training information, check if you've received an email from Devona Sykes, like the email shown below. If you have not received an email like the one below, please update your contact information to include your phone number and we will send your updated information ahead.

REMINDER: With the new regulations, ALL trained Medicaid Assisters will need to re-train in September rather than annually.

So we are recommending that new trainees wait to train until after September.



Devona Sykes

Account Information for Meridian Global - Core Domain

To: Hanna,

Reply-To: Devona Sykes

[Update your Contact Info](#)

WHAT'S ON OUR CALENDAR?



Medicaid Socials

Move2HealthEquity will be hosting quarterly Medicaid Socials. We will have



Action Team Meetings

Our monthly action team meeting is hybrid and is open to all those invested

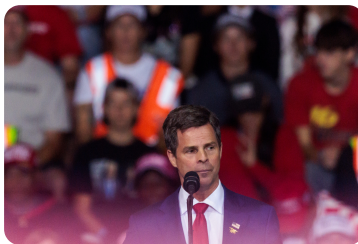
updates on Medicaid in Virginia and our hyper local context. **JOIN US:** [August 20th](#) & [November 19th](#)

in access to healthcare. **JOIN US:** [July 16th](#) & [Every 3rd Thursday](#)



MEDICAID IN THE NEWS

Check out Medicaid news locally, at the state level, and federally from some of our go to sources. There's a lot going on and changing in our healthcare landscape - please take your time and build rest into your practice. Changes are coming, and we're building for a better future - we're in a marathon, not a sprint.

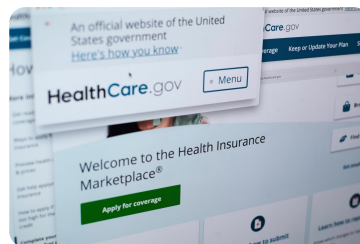


John McGuire vs. The 5th District (Series of Articles)

(10 Minute Read)

C-VILLE's 5-part series on how Rep. John McGuire's vote for the One Big Beautiful Bill Act could hurt his own constituents. With articles on the impacts in the 5th District, SNAP, the ACA & Hospitals already published.

[Read the Articles](#)



The End of ACA Tax Credit Leaves Some Virginians Stranded

(5 Minute Read)

When Congress let the ACA enhanced premium tax credits expire at the end of last year, health insurance has become increasingly out of reach for people, experts describe a "death spiral" affecting the industry as a whole.

[Read the Article](#)



Rest & Renewal: Imagining Equitable, Just Health Systems

(56 Minute Video)

The work of creating equitable and just health systems is not easy.

That's why The Intersection offers Rest & Renewal, an intentional online opportunity to pause, reflect, and reimagine what's possible.

[Watch the Recording](#)

Reminder: DMAS Resources on Upcoming Federal Changes

Don't forget to check out [the DMAS webpage on upcoming federal changes](#), and [subscribe to DMAS email updates](#). The webpage includes information on future changes to eligibility for noncitizens (coming October 2026) and reporting work requirements/six-month renewals (coming 2027), including FAQs, and will be updated as more information is available.

SignUpNow will also continue to provide updates through [SignUpNow emails](#), [trainings](#), [and other resources](#).

