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State Policy Update and Q&A

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2025 Session Budget Action Relevant to FQHCs

- \$500k in new support for Virginia's FQHCs to continue providing comprehensive medical, dental, maternal, and mental health services to the most vulnerable and uninsured Virginians, primarily in rural and urban settings.
- *\$1 million for a pilot program to provide non-emergency medical transportation services for uninsured Virginians living in medically underserved or unserved areas in the catchment area of an FQHC.

*Priority shall be given to serving persons living in rural localities.



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Senate and House Interim Work

- House and Senate Emergency Committees on the Federal Workforce and Funding Reductions
- Joint Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources
- Joint Commission on Health Care
- House Appropriations Committee
- Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee



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2025 Campaign/Political Outreach

- Former Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger
 - Was invited to visit and tour a health center
 - In August, during National Health Center Week, she did participate in a roundtable at Eastern Shore Rural Health System's Eastville Health Center
 - Engagement with policy staff
- Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earle-Sears
 - Was invited to visit and tour a health center
- VCHA team engaged both candidates at forums hosted by VHHA in August



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2026 General Assembly Session Planning

- Proclamation for Health Center Week
- Stakeholder meetings with industry representatives
- Legislative follow-up meetings with key legislators



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2026 General Assembly Session Preparation

- **Budget Amendments:**

- Increase GA direct funding to FQHCs to offset the impact of manufacture shipping restrictions **(\$5 million)**
- Increase GA funding to offset increased patient volume following HR1 **(\$3.65 million)**
- PPS Rate Increase (unfulfilled 2022 request) **(\$9 million)**

- **Legislative Request:**

- Reintroduction of SB119: Drug manufacturers; permitting and registration; certain conditions related to 340B-covered drugs



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