



Virginia Oral Health Coalition Update December 2017

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Upcoming VaOHC Meetings

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January 9 | Norfolk
South Hampton Roads Oral
Health Alliance
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Committee
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January 29 | Richmond
Greater Richmond-Petersburg
Area Steering Committee
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February 7 | Conference Call
NOVA Adult Subcommittee
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Governor's Final Budget Supports Medicaid Expansion, Safety Net

Governor McAuliffe's [final budget](#) includes providing coverage for 300,000 uninsured through Medicaid expansion. It also increases support for safety net clinics throughout the state. The budget does not include comprehensive dental coverage for adults currently enrolled in Medicaid. To learn more, the Virginia Oral Health Coalition (VaOHC) is hosting several advocacy-related learning opportunities, including a webinar *today*.

Legislative Priorities Webinar - *Today!*

VaOHC is offering a **webinar today, December 19, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.** to provide more details about the budget and the upcoming legislative session. We will also discuss how federal health policy is impacting the commonwealth and VaOHC's legislative priorities. **View the webinar dial-in information below; no pre-registration required.**

- [Click here to login](#)
- Meeting ID: 572 307 256
- Dial-in: 1.408.740.7256

Advocacy 101 Training | January 4

VaOHC and our partners are also offering an Advocacy 101 Training on Thursday, January 4, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Richmond. We will discuss how policy decisions are made in Virginia and how policy change can be a lever to improve oral health in the commonwealth. Attendees will also receive oral health-specific messages to guide policy. [Click here to register.](#)

February 8 | Charlottesville
Community Conversation:
Oral Health Care Access for
Individuals with Special
Health Care Needs

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February 9-10 | Charlottesville
Practical Guide to Treating
Dental Patients with Special
Health Care Needs

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February 26 | Richmond
Greater Richmond-Petersburg
Area Steering Committee

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March 22 | Petersburg
Community Conversation:
Oral Health Care Access for
Individuals with Special
Health Care Needs

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March 23-24 | Petersburg
Practical Guide to Treating
Dental Patients with Special
Health Care Needs

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March 30 | Richmond
Greater Richmond-Petersburg
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April 12 | Oakton
NOVA Oral Health Steering
Committee

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April 12 | Roanoke
Community Conversation:
Oral Health Care Access for
Individuals with Special
Health Care Needs

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April 13-14 | Roanoke
Practical Guide to Treating
Dental Patients with Special
Health Care Needs

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May 3 | Abingdon
Appalachian Oral Health
Symposium
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May 21 | Richmond

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Of Interest

Oral Health and Overall Health

Oral health and overall health are fundamentally intertwined. The following links present current information on how oral health is connected to overall health and well-being.

- [How will the tax bill impact healthcare? 5 experts weigh in](#) (PBS News Hour)
- [Rural Oral Health Toolkit](#) (RHI Hub)
- [A dental visit can cost you, but a delay can cost your teeth and budget even more](#) (Washington Post)

Maryland Study Makes the Case for Adult Medicaid Dental Benefits

A recent study shows Maryland Medicaid paid \$10 million for dental-related emergency room visits in 2016, and another \$1.4 million for inpatient admissions for adults with chronic dental conditions. The study was

[conducted](#) by Maryland Dental Action Coalition to assess whether state funds could be reinvested to establish an adult dental benefit in Medicaid.

[Read the full study report "Financial Impact of Emergency Department Visits by Adults for Dental Conditions in Maryland"](#).



How Medicaid Works Chartbook

The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis and the Virginia Poverty Law Center released an updated version of the [How Medicaid Works](#)

[Chartbook](#). The Chartbook explains Virginia's current Medicaid program and

outlines opportunities to expand health coverage to more low-income Virginians. [Download the full Chartbook](#).



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November 8 | Richmond
2018 Virginia Oral Health
Summit
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