Medicaid Expansion Resources Available

Last month, Virginia took a big step forward in ensuring access to affordable health care for all by expanding Medicaid eligibility. Under the expansion, 400,000 Virginians are newly-eligible for coverage, from single, childless adults with incomes up to $16,754 annually who were previously ineligible for Medicaid to families whose annual income limit for coverage grew from $6,900 to $22,715 for a family of two. As we move closer to the implementation date, there are lots of questions about enrollment, pending working requirements, and the impact of expansion.

While certain aspects of expansion are still being resolved, like the work requirement, you can get up-to-date expansion details now on the Cover Virginia website. Cover Virginia offers easy-to-share information, like this postcard on Medicaid eligibility changes, for you to download, print, and share.

Questions? Contact Lauren Gray at 804.299.5506.

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 and other social factors impact overall health and well-being.

- Water Fluoridation and Dental Caries in
Upcoming VaOHC Meetings

View our online Event Calendar

July 10 | Petersburg
Greater Richmond & Petersburg Oral Health Alliance Convening

July 10 | Hampton
Impacting Oral Health in the Community Training

July 13 | Danville
Impacting Oral Health in the Community Training

July 13 | Fairfax
NOVA Oral Health Joint Workgroup Meeting

July 16 | Video Conference
Greater Richmond & Petersburg Oral Health Alliance Pregnant Women’s Workgroup

July 19 | Richmond
Greater Richmond & Petersburg Safety Net Convening

August 7 | Fairfax
NOVA Oral Health Alliance Adult Workgroup

August 9 | Fairfax
Impacting Oral Health in the Community Training

August 20 | Video Conference
Greater Richmond & Petersburg Oral Health Alliance Pregnant Women’s Workgroup

August 21-22 | Richmond
2-Day Workshop Collaboration and Leadership to Improve Oral Health

August 28 | Richmond
Greater Richmond & Petersburg Oral Health Alliance Meeting

September 4 | Richmond
Impacting Oral Health in the Community Training

September 17 | Video Conference
Greater Richmond & Petersburg Oral Health Alliance Pregnant Women’s Workgroup

September 19 | Richmond
Early Dental Home/Project Advisory Board

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New Study Shows Toddlers Consuming Too Much Added Sugar

Consuming added sugar can lead to high levels of cavities in early childhood. A new report analyzed the amount of added sugar toddlers in Maryland consumed in a day and found, among babies 6 to 11 months old, 61% of their diet includes added sugar, and for children from 1 to 2 years old, 99% of their diet has added sugar. Common sources of added sugar for toddlers can be sugary drinks, cereals, and yogurts. Learn more about the study and how parents can reduce sugar intake.

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CDC and NACCHO Launch Website for Community Water Fluoridation

A new website from the CDC and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is arming local organizations and health departments with educational materials on water fluoridation. The Communications Toolkit provides fact sheets and tools to share the importance of fluoridation.

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Public Service Announcements Share Tips on Keeping Children Cavity Free

Two new public service announcements (PSAs) from the Children’s Dental Health Project and UnitedHealthcare are sharing health tips with parents to keep their children cavity-free. View the 30-second PSA and 60-second PSA and share with your networks to spread this helpful information to parents.

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U.S. Children and Adolescents (Journal of Dental Research)
School Oral Health Resource Library (School-Based Health Alliance)
Health Resources for Soldiers and Families (Campaign for Dental Health)
September 24 | Richmond
Greater Richmond & Petersburg Oral Health Alliance Grassroots Advocacy Workgroup

September 27 | Harrisonburg
Impacting Oral Health in the Community

November 8 | Richmond
2018 Virginia Oral Health Summit
Save the Date

Check out our event calendar to view meeting times and exact locations for all dates listed above.

Join the American Academy of Pediatrics Oral Health in Medical Settings Knowledge Network

For pediatric providers working on oral health integration programs, the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Oral Health has created the Oral Health in Medical Settings Knowledge Network to connect individuals and share best practices and lessons learned. The network meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. Eastern; if you are interested in joining, email Lauren Barone at lbarone@aap.org.

Indian Health Service Data now Incorporated into CDC Oral Health Data Website

Indian Health Service (IHS) data on children enrolled in HeadStart through third grade is now available on the "Child Indicators" tab on the CDC Oral Health Data website. Users can compare IHS data with state oral health survey data, including data on dental sealants and untreated tooth decay.

Please take a moment and support the Coalition's work.

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