Children's Health Insurance Program at Risk

Governor McAuliffe and health advocates across Virginia are urging Congress to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), known as FAMIS in Virginia. The federal funding authorization expired on September 30. If funding is not allocated soon, Virginia will be forced to dismantle the program - this means 66,000 children and 1,100 pregnant women in Virginia risk losing affordable, comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health coverage. Several states have begun alerting families that they lose coverage.

Read an interview with Linda Nablo, chief deputy director of the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services, for more insight into how Virginia is preparing for a potential loss of CHIP funding. And, let your federal representatives know it is time to act on CHIP funding TODAY!

Click here to find your representatives.

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Event Calendar

December 7 | Woodbridge Community Conversation: Oral Health Care Access for ISHCN REGISTER

December 8-9 | Woodbridge Practical Guide to Treating Dental Patients with Special Health Care Needs REGISTER

December 11 | Fairfax Northern Virginia Subcommittee on Adults RSVP

December 13 | Richmond Virginia Oral Health Report Card Statewide Meeting RSVP

December 19 | ONLINE 2018 VaOHC Legislative Webinar View dial-in info

Check out our event calendar for more opportunities in 2018.

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Dental Care for Individuals with Special Health Care Needs

Free CE & Community Forum

VaOHC is teaming up with the VDH, the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services, and the VDA Foundation to offer free programs for dental professionals, caregivers, and direct support professionals about dental care for individuals with special

2017 Virginia Oral Health Summit - Now Online

Over 200 stakeholders attended the 2017 Virginia Oral Health Summit on November 2. In an effort to bring that education to the thousands more who read our monthly update, visit our website, and attend our other events, the Summit presentation slides and recordings are now posted on our website. We encourage you to relive the Summit, hear the education for the first time, or share with friends and colleagues.

View the 2017 Virginia Oral Health Summit archive

Additionally, check out this feature article about the Summit by the Henrico Citizen.

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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

The Richmond Memorial Health Foundation (RMHF) released its first Equity + Health Fellows' Report outlining a vision and goals for the Richmond region to advance an equitable and fair distribution of resources and access to opportunities for health and well-being. Sarah Holland, VaOHC’s executive director, was one of the eighteen fellows charged with crafting the recommendations. Of note, the report outlines strategies to improve social determinants of health through policy change.

Read the Equity + Health Report

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health care needs. Find us in one of these cities:

- Woodbridge | Dec. 2017
- Charlottesville | Feb. 2018
- Petersburg | Mar. 2018
- Roanoke | Apr. 2018

Visit our event calendar to view more info and to register online.

And, check out this video "Brushing Someone Else's Teeth: A Caregiver's Guide" by VDH.

New Program Brings Oral Health Education to Southwest VA Children

The Lenowisco Planning District Commission, an Oral Health 2020 grassroots partner, and the Healthy Appalachia Institute Oral Health Education Project are bringing oral health education sessions to Southwest Virginia schools this academic year. The program is expected to reach more than 1,000 children. Read more about the initiative.

HealthCare.gov Open Enrollment Ends December 15

Open enrollment is happening now through December 15 at www.healthcare.gov. Visit the website to find local help and see plans and prices.