



## July 2020 Newsletter

### The New Normal for Virginia Health Catalyst

As we all adjust to our new normal the Catalyst team is committed to making the most out of the rest of 2020. While everything looks at least a little different than originally envisioned, it is no less exciting or impactful. To that end, here are some updates:

- **2020 Virginia Oral Health Summit:** Registration for the summit opens next week! This year's virtual event will be October 7, 8, and 9, with keynotes beginning every morning at 11 am followed by a selection of breakout sessions. While this year's summit will look different, you can expect the same caliber of speakers on topics like health disparities, social determinants of health, and innovations in oral health care. Find the full agenda [here](#).
- **Adult Dental Advocacy:** Members of the General Assembly will convene on August 18 to review the budget items that were unallotted in the wake of COVID-19. This means that once again our representatives have the opportunity to fund a comprehensive dental benefit for all Virginians enrolled in Medicaid. Join Catalyst over the next several weeks as we emphasize the importance of this benefit for our neighbors. To learn more about how to get involved in our advocacy efforts email [Chloe Van Zandt](mailto:Chloe.Van.Zandt@virginiahealthcatalyst.org).
- **Clinical Advisory Board:** Catalyst is recruiting new clinical members for our Clinical Advisory Board. As our safety-net partners navigate care during COVID-19, members of Catalyst's [Clinical Advisory Board](#) (CAB), are developing recommendations and guidelines to ensure care is equitable, integrated, and coordinated. The CAB is an interdisciplinary group of clinicians that serves as a forum for interprofessional collaboration and education and ensures that Catalyst activities reflect a broad range of clinical views. To apply, please fill out this [short form](#) and select "Clinical Advisory Board" at the bottom of the page; it will prompt you to upload a CV or resume.

#### Virginia Health Catalyst is hiring!

Our long time Program Director Samantha Dorr is leaving in early September so Catalyst is seeking a new full-time Program Director. Please help us find a great fit and [share the job description](#) with your networks.

### Additional Resources

#### - [Provider Relief Fund Deadline August 3](#)

Dental providers in Virginia are eligible to apply for HHS' Provider Relief Fund through August 3. Eligible dental providers are those who have not received a

payment from the Provider Relief Fund Medicare-focused General Distribution or the Medicaid and CHIP Distribution. Learn more about the application process in the [FAQ](#) and apply [here](#).

- [ADA HPI Data on Public Health Dentistry](#)

In a recent webinar, ADA HPI shared new survey data on how dentistry is operating in public health settings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Of note, the data showed that while more FQHCs remained open or seeing patients through teledentistry than private-sector dentists during the pandemic, their recovery to “business as usual” has been slower. View the most recent public health findings and additional data on private-sector dentists [here](#).

- [Updates Available on Virginia Safety-Net Clinic Reopening Spreadsheet](#)

As the data from ADA HPI shows, safety-net clinics are returning to normal at a slower rate than private-sector dentists. Virginia Health Catalyst has contacted clinics across the commonwealth to update the [Virginia Safety-Net Clinic Status spreadsheet](#). The most recent updates include information on future plans from clinics as we head into the fall. If you know of updates that aren't reflected, please [let us know](#).

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