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Joint Commission on Health Care

Item 11	First Year - FY2001	Second Year - FY2002
Health Research, Planning, and Coordination (40600)	**$535,766**	**$536,126**
Health Policy Research (40606)	$535,766	$536,126
Fund Sources:		
General	$432,833	$433,132
Special	$102,933	$102,994

Authority: Title 9, Chapter 38, Code of Virginia.

The Joint Commission on Health Care shall continue its study of the various health workforce programs and initiatives related to improving access to care in underserved areas. The Joint Commission's continuing work shall: (i) assess the impact of the programmatic and administrative changes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly on the various workforce programs; (ii) recommend any further improvements to the existing programs and identify additional cost-effective initiatives; and (iii) assess the need for and feasibility of establishing a pharmacist scholarship and loan repayment program for pharmacists who agree to practice in underserved areas of the Commonwealth. The Joint Commission shall conduct its review in cooperation with the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance Committee. The Joint Commission shall also consult with and involve the Department of Health and the affected workforce programs and initiatives in its review activities.