
VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

2023 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB6001 (Chapter 1)

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Department of Health

Item 299	First Year - FY2023	Second Year - FY2024
Administrative and Support Services (49900)	\$31,595,283	\$29,095,283
General Management and Direction (49901)	\$17,311,030	\$14,811,030
Information Technology Services (49902)	\$5,209,438	\$5,209,438
Accounting and Budgeting Services (49903)	\$4,514,063	\$4,514,063
Human Resources Services (49914)	\$2,646,917	\$2,646,917
Procurement and Distribution Services (49918)	\$1,913,835	\$1,913,835
Fund Sources:		
General	\$21,469,221	\$18,969,221
Special	\$8,516,726	\$8,516,726
Federal Trust	\$1,609,336	\$1,609,336

Authority: §§ [3.2-5206](#) through [3.2-5216](#), [32.1-11.3](#) through [32.1-23](#), [35.1-1](#) through [35.1-7](#), and [35.1-9](#) through [35.1-28](#), Code of Virginia.

A. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for agency costs related to onboarding to ConnectVirginia, transition costs to convert the agency's node on ConnectVirginia to the state agency node, and provide support to other state agencies in their onboarding efforts.

B.1. The Emergency Department Care Coordination Advisory Council (ED Council), under the department's governance and direction shall: advise the State Health Commissioner regarding the operation of, changes to, and outcome measures for the Emergency Department Care Coordination Program (EDCC) for the purpose of improving the quality of patient care services. The ED Council shall include representatives from the following, as required in the ED Council Bylaws; the Commonwealth, hospitals & health systems, health plans, and providers.

2. Neither the department nor its contractor shall be obligated to enhance or expand the program without HITECH Act funds or alternative funds.

3. The department, in coordination with the ED Council, shall report annually to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees on progress, including, but not limited to: (i) the participation rate of hospitals and health systems, providers and subscribing health plans; (ii) strategies for sustaining the program and methods to continue to improve care coordination; and (iii) the impact on health care utilization and quality goals such as reducing the frequency of visits by high-volume Emergency Department utilizers and avoiding duplication of health care services.

C.1. Inpatient hospitals shall report the admission source of any individuals meeting the criteria for voluntary or involuntary psychiatric commitment as outlined in § 16.1-338, 16.1-339, 16.1-340.1, 16.1-345, 37.2-805, 37.2-809, or 37.2-904, Code of Virginia, to the Board of Health. The Board shall collect and share any and all data regarding the admission source of individuals admitted to inpatient hospitals as a psychiatric patient, pursuant to § 32.1-276.6, Code of Virginia, with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

2. The Virginia Department of Health shall promulgate these emergency regulations to become effective within 280 days or less from the enactment of this act.

D. Notwithstanding § 32.1-73.11, Code of Virginia, the Advisory Council on Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS), established by Chapter 466 of the 2017 Acts of Assembly, is hereby continued.

E. The Virginia Department of Health shall report a detailed accounting, annually, of the agency's organization and operations. This report shall include an organizational chart that shows all full- and part-time positions (by job title) employed by the agency as well as the current management structure and unit responsibilities. The report shall also provide a summary of organization changes implemented over the previous year. The report shall be made available on the department's website by August 15 of each year.

F. The State Health Commissioner shall establish a task force to assist with the promulgation of regulations and the certification process of doulas, as well as to serve as an informational resource for policy related matters for the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). The task force will include private provider organizations such as Birth in Color RVA, Urban Baby Beginnings, Motherhood Collective and any other organization or agency representatives deemed appropriate by VDH.

G. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the first year from the general fund shall be used to continue the current contract for no more than one year for an integrated e-referral system.

H. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be provided to the Virginia Department of Health for central office administrative functions for the Opioid Abatement Authority.