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# VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

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2024 Special Session I

## Budget Bill - SB6001 (Introduced)

Bill Order » Office of Health and Human Resources » Item 276

Department of Health

Item 276	First Year - FY2025	Second Year - FY2026
<b>Health Research, Planning, and Coordination (40600)</b>	<b>\$24,441,725</b>	<b>\$24,331,725</b>
Health Research, Planning and Coordination (40603)	\$4,833,106	\$4,723,106
Regulation of Health Care Facilities (40607)	\$16,912,088	\$16,912,088
Certificate of Public Need (40608)	\$1,805,325	\$1,805,325
Cooperative Agreement Supervision (40609)	\$891,206	\$891,206
Fund Sources:		
General	\$6,387,762	\$6,277,762
Special	\$3,593,948	\$3,593,948
Dedicated Special Revenue	\$627,006	\$627,006
Federal Trust	\$13,833,009	\$13,833,009

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Authority: §§ [32.1-102.1](#) through [32.1-102.11](#); [32.1-122.01](#) through [32.1-122.08](#); and [32.1-123](#) through [32.1-138.5](#), Code of Virginia; and P.L. 96-79, as amended, Federal Code; and Title XVIII and Title XIX of the U.S. Social Security Act, Federal Code.

A.1. Supplemental funding for the regional health planning agencies shall be provided from the following sources:

2. Special funds from Certificate of Public Need (40608) application fees in excess of those required to operate the COPN Program, provided the program may retain special fund balances each year equal to three months operational needs in case of revenue shortfalls in the subsequent year.

3. The Department of Health shall revise annual agreements with the regional health planning agencies to require an annual independent financial audit to examine the use of state funds and the reasonableness of those expenditures.

B. Failure of any regional health planning agency to establish or sustain business operations shall cause funds to revert to the Central Office to support health planning and Certificate of Public Need functions.

C. Out of this appropriation, \$690,000 the first year and \$690,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Office of Rural Health, as the state match for the federal Office of Rural Health Policy Grant.

D. Out of this appropriation, \$278,000 the first year and \$278,000 the second year shall be provided to the department from statewide indirect cost recoveries to match federal funds and support the programs of the Office of Licensure and Certification. Amounts recovered in excess of the special fund appropriation shall be deposited to

the general fund.

E. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) in collaboration with the Department of Health Professions shall issue risk mitigation guidelines on the prescription of the class of potent pain medicines known as extended-release and long-acting (ER/LA) opioid analgesics to include co-prescription of an opioid antagonist, approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), for administration by family members or caregivers in a non-medically supervised environment.

F. The Virginia Department of Health shall provide administrative and technical support to the Virginia Partners in Prayer Program through its Office of Health Equity. The cost of this support is estimated to be approximately \$20,000 per year and shall be funded within its existing appropriation.

G. The provisions of § [32.1-102.4](#) (B), Code of Virginia, shall not apply to nursing homes.

H. Out of this appropriation, \$60,000 the first year and \$60,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to contract with the Virginia Telehealth Network to provide consultation to advisory groups, track implementation and facilitate changes to the Statewide Telehealth Plan.