2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Chapter 1)

Item 280

First Year - FY2027 Second Year - FY2028

State Health Services (43000)	**$185,702,189**	**$187,459,707**
Child and Adolescent Health Services (43002)	$14,899,176	$14,899,176
Women's and Infant's Health Services (43005)	$13,885,422	$13,785,422
Chronic Disease Prevention, Health Promotion, and Oral Heath (43015)	$17,886,646	$19,692,004
Injury and Violence Prevention (43016)	$4,980,529	$5,032,689
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Community Nutrition Services (43017)	$134,050,416	$134,050,416
Fund Sources:		
General	$14,326,005	$14,283,523
Special	$3,301,282	$3,301,282
Dedicated Special Revenue	$71,343,095	$71,343,095
Federal Trust	$96,731,807	$98,531,807

Authority: §§ 32.1-11, 32.1-77, 32.1-89, and 32.1-90, Code of Virginia; P.L. 94-566, as amended, Title V of the U.S. Social Security Act and Title X of the U.S. Public Health Service Act, Federal Code; and P.L. 95-627, as amended, Federal Code.

A. Out of this appropriation, $999,804 the first year and $999,804 the second year from special funds is provided to support the newborn screening program and its expansion pursuant to Chapters 717 and 721, Act of Assembly of 2005, and Chapter 531, 2018 Acts of Assembly. Fee revenues sufficient to fund the Department of Health's costs of the program and its expansion shall be transferred from the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services.

B. The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children is exempt from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

C. Out of this appropriation, $900,000 the first year and $900,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the department's sickle cell program to address rising pediatric caseloads in the current program. Any remaining funds shall be used to develop transition services for youth who will require adult services to ensure appropriate medical services are available and provided for youth who age out of the current program.

D. Out of this appropriation, $1,320,000 the first year and $1,320,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for a comprehensive adult program for sickle cell disease.

E. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State Health Commissioner continue providing services through child development clinics and access to children's dental services.

F.1. Out of this appropriation, $124,470 the first year and $124,470 the second year from the general fund and $82,980 the first year and $82,980 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be provided for the Virginia Department of Health to establish and administer a Perinatal Quality Collaborative. The Perinatal Quality Collaborative shall work to improve pregnancy outcomes for women and newborns by advancing evidence-based clinical practices and processes through continuous quality improvement with an initial focus on pregnant women with substance use disorder and infants impacted by neonatal abstinence syndrome.

2. Out of this appropriation, $315,000 the first year and $315,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support efforts by the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative (VNPC) to decrease maternal mortality and morbidity. Funding shall be used for a coordinator position for community engagement, training and education; the development of a pilot program of the Centers for Disease Control's levels of care assessment tool (LOCATe) in the Richmond metropolitan region and Tidewater region; and development of a Project ECHO tele-education model for education and training. Funding shall also be used to assist the VNPC with expanding capacity to address these issues through the use of software to advance data analytics.

G. Out of this appropriation, $800,000 the first year and $1,400,000 the second year from the general fund is provided as state match for additional federal awards to support evidence-based home visiting services from the federal Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting program.

H. The Virginia Department of Health shall maintain a list of all agencies and organizations that submit requests for and receive opioid antagonists through its distribution program. At least quarterly, the department shall submit a report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources, House Health and Human Services Committee, Senate Finance and Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources, and Senate Subcommittee on Health, and the Chair of the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority with the following information: (i) name of the agency or organization; (ii) county or town/city service area; (iii) quantity, along with the specific formulation and dosage of opioid antagonist, requested by the agency or organization in its most recent order, and the date the request was made; and (iv) quantity, along with the specific formulation and dosage of opioid antagonist, received by the agency or organization in response to its most recent order, and the date the request was fulfilled.

I. Out of this appropriation, $126,188 the first year and $126,188 the second year from the general fund is provided to support the provisions of House Bill 2088 and Senate Bill 1041, as passed during the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

J.1. Out of this appropriation, $2,500,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to pilot perinatal health hub programs throughout the Commonwealth. The Virginia Department of Health, in collaboration with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative, shall provide one-year grant awards for community-based providers (hubs) to improve perinatal outcomes and to reduce maternal and infant mortality in their communities.

2. The Virginia Department of Health, in collaboration with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative, and in consultation with the Department of Medical Assistance Services, shall establish grant application selection and award criteria. Essential elements shall include: (i) a description of how the funds will be utilized and a description of the services to be provided; (ii) a description of the populations who will be served; (iii) a requirement for collaboration with local and regional stakeholders; (iv) a required physical presence in the region in which a hub will be located; (v) a contractual collaboration with a regional birthing hospital and/or obstetrical clinic for pregnant and postpartum families in the region which the hub is located; (vi) partnerships and/or contracts with Medicaid managed care organizations for the purpose of sharing data and collaboration; (vii) the use of evidence based quality standards as defined by the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative and the federal Health Resources Services Administration; (viii) an evaluation of program impacts on populations served; and (ix) a plan for future sustainability.

3. The Virginia Department of Health, in collaboration with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative, shall develop a report that includes, but is not limited to, a listing of participating community providers and award amounts, a description of services provided, a description of populations served, the number of individuals served, and an assessment of health outcomes and program effectiveness. This report shall be provided to the Governor, and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees annually on or before June 30. Any unexpended balance at the close of business on June 30, 2027, associated with perinatal hubs shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated.