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REPORT OF THE HOUSE
APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON

**Health & Human
Resources**

House Bill 1600



VIRGINIA HOUSE
APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN LUKE E. TORIAN

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE on Health and Human Resources

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Last year we made historic investments in health and human services, investing well over \$1.0 billion in our programs to support Virginians. This year we will provide over \$790 million in state funding for ongoing support for Medicaid, CHIP and CSA programs – a record increase in funding during a short Session. In addition to funding these mandatory costs, this year our efforts focus on 4 key areas: behavioral health, maternal and child health, rural health care, and disability services.

We all know the significance of supporting our state’s behavioral health system, which is why the subcommittee decided to invest nearly \$53 million in behavioral health services. The subcommittee recognizes the importance of ensuring our communities have the support they need to provide life-changing services, and we recommend providing \$8.7 million to our CSBs to support additional support coordinator positions to ensure individuals receiving a DD waiver have the help they need to access their services. We also provide \$8 million for CSBs to continue providing prevention services to combat suicide and substance use.

The subcommittee also recommends including \$4.8 million to continue helping localities develop crisis co-response teams to build out the MARCUS Alert system. To help individuals under a temporary detention order waiting for a hospital bed, the HHR report includes \$5 million to expand the special conservators of the peace pilot program.

Mr. Chairman, with the \$107 million the General Assembly has provided this biennium for our state's crisis stabilization sites, we are well on our way to ensuring individuals have a safe place for immediate treatment during crisis.

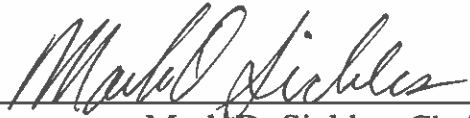
The recommendations before you also provide \$12.3 million to support initiatives of this body to improve maternal and child health. Our amendments provide funding for presumptive Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women, comprehensive Medicaid dental services for pregnant and postpartum women, a mobile maternal health clinic, community grants for maternal mental health care and efforts to provide resources for pregnant and postpartum women. Together with oversight from a new Women's Health Commission, we can improve the health and well-being of our moms and babies.

We also provide funding for recommendations from the Speaker's Select Committee on Rural Health Care, including a pilot project to fund medical transportation through our federally qualified health centers for uninsured patients living in rural areas and removing restrictions on the coverage for obesity drugs that serve to improve chronic medical conditions.

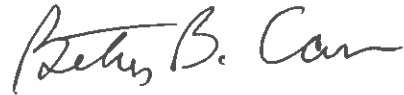
Finally, recommendations before you include \$6.7 million to provide services to individuals with brain injuries. We include funding to allow us to bring home Virginians from Massachusetts and serve additional individuals with critical needs. We also are recommending almost \$2.0 million to support our community brain injury providers and services.

The Subcommittee's report is contained within the attachments before you. Committee staff will review the report in more detail at this time, and I hope it will be the Committee's pleasure to adopt the report.

Respectfully Submitted by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health & Human Resources:



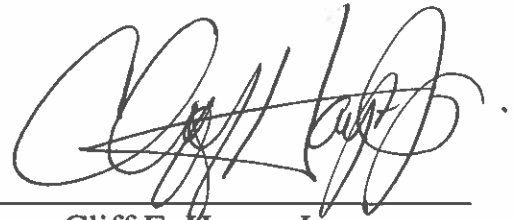
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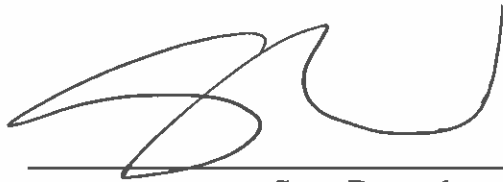
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2024-26 BIENNIAL TOTAL			
HB 1600 Amendments	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
FINANCE			
Department of Treasury			
Florence Neal Cooper Endowment for Sickle Cell Disease	500,000		
HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES			
Secretary of Health and Human Resources			
Eliminate New Initiatives in OSHHR	(600,000)		
Children's Services Act			
Eliminate State Cap on Reimbursement for CSA Private Day Educational Services	Language		
Office of Comprehensive Services Reporting Requirements	Language		
Department of Health			
Expand Mary Marshall Scholarship Program for Nurses	Language		
Establish Birmingham Green Workforce Development Training Center	150,000		
Redirect Funding for Large Animal Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program to VDACS Grant Program	(450,000)		
Northern Virginia Firefighter Cancer Screening Pilot Program	Language		
HB 1617: Waive Vital Records Fee for Homeless Youth	49,248		
HB 2276: Update Vital Records Data for Voter Records	100,000		
HB 1902: Data Sharing with Prescription Monitoring Program	110,000		
HB 2198: Licensure & Regulation of Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers	1,000,000		
Mobile Maternal Health Clinics	2,500,000		
HB 1929: Pregnancy Mobile Application	159,500		
HB 2446: Perinatal & Postpartum Depression Education	553,200		
HB 1724: Establish Prescription Drug Affordability Board	644,075		3.00
Opioid Antagonists Distribution Program	Language		
Community Grants for Maternal Mental Health Care Programs	500,000		
Free Clinic Funding	500,000		
Establish a Billing Hub for Doulas in Virginia	500,000		
Redirect All Payer Claims Database Funding to DMAS	(1,272,313)	741,000	
Modify Language for All Payer Claims Database	Language		
Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Services in Rural Areas	1,000,000		
Department of Health Professions			
Workgroup on Behavioral Health Medication Management	Language		
HB 1902: Prescription Monitoring Program Systems Changes	Language		
Department of Medical Assistance Services			
Eliminate Medicaid Reserve Fund	(972,941)		
HB 2160: Medicaid Payment for Designated Staff Support in Acute Care Settings	658,252	687,152	
Substance Use Disorder	142,593	428,713	
Neurobehavioral/Neurorehabilitation Facility Services	1,589,297	3,080,226	
HB1804: Medicaid Works Eligibility Application	235,000	235,000	
Medicaid Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee Drug Recommendations	Language		
Medicaid Reimbursement Midwife Services	550,332	782,108	
HB 2120: Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Individuals	4,469,269	6,673,785	5.00
Technical Changes to Graduate Medical Education Residency & Fellowship Slots at CHKD			
Medicaid Supplemental Payment for Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	Language		
HB 2539: Comprehensive Dental Services for Pregnant Women	517,699	907,223	
Remove Restrictive Language for Use of Obesity Medications by Medicaid Patients	6,858,938	39,829,380	
GME Residency Slot Payments for Anesthesiologists	250,000	250,000	
Medicaid Supplemental Payments Dental Services at VCU School of Dentistry		3,522,726	
Poison Control Center Funding	Language		
All Payer Claims Database Funding	1,272,313	1,003,500	
HB 2610: Analysis of a Medicaid Single Pharmacy Manager	250,000	250,000	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services			
Expand Boost!	1,100,000		
Repurpose Youth Mental Health Matters Funding	(1,000,000)		

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	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	
Problem Gambling and Support Services		500,000	
Mental Health Virginia Warmline Funding	Language		
Telehealth Services for Schools	Language		
HB 2350: Mental Health Support During Emergency	249,600		
Repurpose Special Conservators of the Peace Funding	(30,214,906)		
Support Outpatient Competency Restoration	1,500,000		
Support RAFT Program	100,000		
Expand Adult Psychiatric Access Line	750,000		
Support Pilot Programs for Individuals with Dementia and Geriatric Individuals	2,000,000		
CSB Support Coordinators	8,700,000		
Expand Marcus Alert Program	3,600,000		
CSB Prevention Services	8,000,000		
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services			
Brain Injury Services Workforce Retention	985,000		
Brain Injury Community Services	1,000,000		
Areas Agencies on Aging Funding	1,500,000		
Eastern Shore AAA/CAA - Hare Valley School Building Improvements	1,300,000		
Fund Villages Exchange Statewide	750,000		
Interdisciplinary Plan of Care and Dementia Case Management	400,000		
Department of Social Services			
Child Welfare Workforce Retention	500,000		1.00
Capture Balances in Auxiliary Grant Program			
Kinship Service Expansion	425,750		
HB 1964: Future in Focus Program	1,600,000		
Expand Application Window for LIHEAP	120,000		
CASA Welcome Centers	4,000,000		
Fund a Multipurpose Sports Court at the Hallow by Samaritan House	200,000		
Hanover County Campaigns and Master Plan	450,000		
Lorton Community Action Center	400,000		
Anna Sudha Community Kitchens	50,000		
Increase Support for Community Action Agencies		175,000	
Support Cornerstones		500,000	
Two-Generation/Whole Family Initiative		1,125,000	
Northern Virginia Family Services		125,000	
Addiction Treatment Navigator		400,000	
State Corporation Commission			
HB 1641: Defrayal Costs for Mandated Coverage of Pediatric Disorders PANDAS and PANS	94,500		
Capture Balances in Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Program	Language		
Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Program Funding	(67,000,000)		
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES			
Opioid Abatement Authority			
Update COAR Appropriation Table	Language		
PART 3			
Modify Net Patient Revenue Calculation for Medicaid Hospital Enhanced Payments	Language		
Modify Medicaid Payments to Hospitals through a Rate Assessment	Language		
PART 4			
Restore Language on Abortion Services	Language		

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Item 261 #3h

Finance	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of the Treasury	\$0	\$500,000	GF

Language:

Page 318, line 32, strike "\$65,425,113" and insert "\$65,925,113".

Page 319, after line 35, insert:

"I. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for deposit to the Florence Neal Cooper Smith Sickle Cell Research Endowment Fund, established by House Bill 2500 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly, held on the books of the Commonwealth, as administered by the Commonwealth Health Research Board."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in the second year for deposit to the Florence Neal Cooper Smith Sickle Cell Research Endowment Fund, established by House Bill 2500 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly.)

Item 267 #1h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Secretary of Health and Human Resources	(\$600,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 328, line 4, strike "\$1,564,759" and insert "\$964,759".

Page 329, strike lines 30 through 45.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates \$600,000 from the general fund the first year for two new initiatives in the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources related to developing a plan and a media campaign.)

Item 268 #1h

Health and Human Resources

Children's Services Act

Language

Language:

Page 333, strike lines 47 through 50.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates language proposed in the introduced budget which caps increases in the state reimbursement to localities for Children's Services Act (CSA) Special Education private day educational services at 2.5 percent in fiscal year 2026 and beyond. Removing the section will allow reimbursement to localities for the real cost of private day educational services on an unrestricted basis compared to previous year spending. This will ensure adequate funding for the program based on real costs, the value of services depending on the advanced needs of children receiving those services, and rising costs of qualified and quality personnel and supplies.)

Item 269 #1h

Health and Human Resources

Children's Services Act

Language

Language:

Page 334, line 8, after "B." insert "1."

Page 334, after line 16, insert:

"2. The Office of Comprehensive Services, in coordination with the Virginia Department of Education's Office of Special Education, shall report to the General Assembly by October 1 of each year, (i) recommendations made to each LEA and progress made in improving the LEA's ability to serve students, (ii) an assessment of barriers to students returning to a LEA from a private day placement including instances when the LEA refuses or is unable to provide a less restrictive environment due to a lack of available transition services and recommendations for returning students to public school who are deemed eligible, and (iii) trends in behavioral and emotional diagnoses including students on home-based instruction that may require private day placements."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds reporting requirements for the Office of Comprehensive Services, in coordination with the Department of Education, regarding the transition of students from private day education services to local education agencies.)

Item 271 #1h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Health

Language

Language:

Page 338, after line 24, insert:

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"J. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) shall expand the Mary Marshall Scholarship Program to include humanitarian parolees as eligible participants. In addition, VDH shall expand the program to provide scholarships of up to 100 percent of the fees required to obtain a Credential Service Evaluation Profession Report and the English Language Proficiency Report for those individuals who graduated from a nursing education program in a foreign country as required by VDH prior to admission for licensure."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Virginia Department of Health to expand the Mary Marshall Scholarship Program to increase the number of nurses coming into the profession to address significant shortages, including allowing humanitarian parolees (foreign nationals who are allowed to enter the United States for urgent humanitarian reasons) as eligible participants and paying the fees for Virginians with a nursing degree from an international educational institution to be credentialed in order to practice.)

	Item 271 #2h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Health	\$0	(\$450,000) GF

Language:

Page 336, line 16, strike "\$20,457,021" and insert "\$20,007,021".
Page 338, strike lines 21 through 24.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates and redirects funding of \$450,000 from the general fund the second year proposed to create the Large Animal Veterinary Loan Repayment Program in Department of Health. Instead this funding is provided in a companion amendment in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a large animal veterinary grant program.)

	Item 271 #3h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Health	\$0	\$150,000 GF

Language:

Page 336, line 16, strike "\$20,457,021" and insert "\$20,607,021".
Page 338, after line 24, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 from the general fund the second year shall be provided to Birmingham Green to establish the Birmingham Green Workforce Development Training

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Center to improve the Certified Nurses Assistant (CNA) program, introduce new career training opportunities for its workforce and and to further health care career opportunities for staff from other health care operations."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to establish the Birmingham Green Workforce Development Training Center. Birmingham Green offers the only CNA training program in Northern Virginia and is a crucial resource for individuals from underserved communities. The Workforce Development Training Center will be an expansion of their current workforce development efforts to train CNAs, with new career training opportunities for its workforce and for staff from other health care operations.)

Item 272 #1h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Health

Language

Language:

Page 339, line 36, after "program." insert:

"Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides authority to carryover funding for this pilot program from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026 in the event the funds are not expended in the first year.)

Item 274 #1h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Health

\$0

\$49,248

GF

Language:

Page 340, line 9, strike "\$9,470,393" and insert "\$9,519,641".

Page 340, after line 27, insert:

"D. Out of this appropriation, \$49,248 the second year from the general fund is provided to waive the vital records fee for youth experiencing homelessness."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$49,248 the second year from the general fund to cover the costs incurred from waiving the vital records fee for youth experiencing homeless, pursuant to House Bill 1617, 2025 Session.)

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Item 274 #2h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$0	\$100,000	GF

Language:

Page 340, line 9, strike "\$9,470,393" and insert "\$9,570,393".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 in the second year for the Virginia Department of Health to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 2276 of the 2025 General Assembly, which requires VDH to update vital records data transmitted to the Department of Elections for the maintenance of voter records.)

Item 275 #1h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$0	\$110,000	GF

Language:

Page 340, line 30, strike "\$191,148,466" and insert "\$191,258,466".

Page 351, line 39, strike the second "\$1,272,313" and insert "\$1,382,313".

Page 351, after line 55, insert:

"4. Out of this appropriation, \$110,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with Virginia Health Information to allow for a data sharing agreement with the Prescription Monitoring Program to use data from the Virginia All Payer Claims Database to display patient non fatal overdose information pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1902 of the 2025 Session. The Department of Health shall include in its budget submissions to the Governor for the 2026-28 budget any necessary general fund requirements for ongoing support for the data sharing agreement."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$110,000 the second year from the general fund for the fiscal impact of House Bill 1902 of the 2025 Session, which requires data sharing from the All Payer Claims Database with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to allow for the display of patient non fatal overdose information in near real time at the point of prescribing. A companion amendment in item 285 provides funding for systems changes to the Department of Health Professions Prescription Monitoring Program through funding from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation (COAR) opioid settlement funds. Language requires the Department of Health to include in its budget submission for the 2026-28 budget, any necessary

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general fund amounts needed to continue the data sharing agreement.)

Item 276 #1h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Health

\$0

\$1,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 342, line 45, strike "\$25,030,406" and insert "\$26,030,406".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million the second year from the general fund to implement the provisions of House Bill 2198, which authorizes the Board of Health to license prescribed pediatric extended care centers, defined as nonresidential health care service centers that provide a link in the continuum of care for medically dependent or technologically dependent children.)

Item 277 #1h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Health

\$0

\$2,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 343, line 43, strike "\$169,601,819" and insert "\$172,101,819".

Page 345, after line 14, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$2,500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Department of Health, in consultation with Virginia universities and private businesses, to create a pilot program for mobile clinics within maternal health deserts in Virginia, as well as funding for data collection to measure the effectiveness of the program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provide \$2.5 million from the general fund the second year to the Virginia Department of Health, working with Virginia universities and private businesses, to create a pilot program for mobile clinics within maternal health deserts in Virginia, as well as funding for data collection to measure the effectiveness of the program. The goal of the program is to improve access in underserved communities and reduce transportation and geographic barriers to care.)

Item 277 #2h

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$0	\$159,500	GF

Language:

Page 343, line 43, strike "\$169,601,819" and insert "\$169,761,319".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$159,500 from the general fund the second year for the implementation of House Bill 1929, which directs the Virginia Department of Health to create a membership-based mobile application available to prenatal, pregnant, and postpartum individuals who are eligible for Medicaid. Funding is based on a tiered pricing proposal based on monthly active users and a projection of annual users based on the Virginia Medicaid population.)

Item 277 #3h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$0	\$553,200	GF

Language:

Page 343, line 43, strike "\$169,601,819" and insert "\$170,155,019".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$553,200 the second year from the general fund to implement the provisions of House Bill 2446, which directs the Department of Health to establish a public awareness campaign, develop and distribute educational materials, and create an online resource hub focused on perinatal and postpartum depression. The bill requires the Department to submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the implementation of the bill, with the first annual report due by December 31, 2026.)

Item 277 #4h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$0	\$644,075	GF
	0.00	3.00	FTE

Language:

Page 343, line 43, strike "\$169,601,819" and insert "\$170,245,894".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$644,075 the second year from the general fund and three positions for the fiscal impact of House Bill 1724, which establishes the Prescription Drug Affordability Board for the purpose of identifying high cost prescription drugs, reviewing pricing and cost information, conducting affordability reviews of selected prescription drug products, and if necessary, setting an upper payment limit, which shall apply to all purchases and payer reimbursements for the product dispensed in the Commonwealth.)

Item 277 #5h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Health

Language

Language:

Page 345, after line 14, insert:

"J. 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."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language requiring the Virginia Department of Health to report on the distribution of opioid antagonists through its distribution program.)

Item 279 #1h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Health

\$0

\$500,000

GF

Language:

Page 348, line 34, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$31,979,983".

Page 350, line 52, strike the second "\$4,680,571" and insert "\$5,180,571".

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Page 351, after line 38, insert:

"6. Of this appropriation, from the amounts in paragraph L.1., \$500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF). The contract with VHCF shall require that the general fund be provided to the foundation for community grants to expand access to maternal mental health services through (i) community organizations serving individuals residing in health care deserts or low income communities, and (ii) community organizations with less than \$5,000,000 in annual revenue."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 for a contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation to administer a grant program for community organizations to expand access to maternal mental health services.)

	Item 279 #2h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Health	\$0	\$500,000 GF

Language:

Page 348, line 35, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$31,979,983".

Page 350, line 15, strike the second "\$6,800,000" and insert "\$7,300,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support operating costs of free clinics that are members of the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics. Funding will be used to provide medical, dental, vision, speech, hearing and behavioral health care, as well as prescription medications and substance use disorder services to uninsured and underinsured patients.)

	Item 279 #3h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Health	\$0	\$500,000 GF

Language:

Page 348, line 34, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$31,979,983".

Page 53, after line 32, insert:

"DD. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to Birth in Color to establish a billing hub for doula services. The billing hub shall handle billing for doulas serving underserved populations free of charge, including billing

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private insurance and Medicaid on behalf of participating doulas."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the second year to Birth in Color to fund the establishment of a billing hub for doula services. The billing hub will handle billing for doulas serving underserved populations free of charge, including billing private insurance and Medicaid on behalf of participating doulas. The hub will defray the administrative burden for doulas serving underserved communities, helping support and expand the doula workforce. The initial investment of \$500,000 will pay for the hiring of necessary full time and contract staff, relevant software and hardware purchases and fees and relevant administrative expenses, including but not limited to billing software.)

Item 279 #4h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$0	(\$1,272,313)	GF

Language:

Page 348, line 34, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$30,207,670".

Page 351, line 39, strike "and \$1,272,313 the second year".

Page 351, line 42, after "service", insert:

" , which includes the second year general fund amount appropriated for this purpose in Item 292 in the Department of Medical Assistance Services"

Page 351, strike lines 43 through 45.

Page 351, line 46, strike "3" and insert "2".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$1.3 million from the general fund in fiscal year (FY) 2026 for the All Payer Claims Database administered through a contract with Virginia Health Information (VHI), to the Department of Medical Services (DMAS) in order to draw down matching federal funding. Language maintains requirements for the Virginia Department of Health to contract with VHI, including the amounts appropriated in the DMAS budget. A companion amendment in Item 292 provides the funding for the All Payer Claims Database in FY 2026.)

Item 279 #5h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Health	\$0	\$1,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 348, line 34, strike "\$31,479,983" and insert "\$32,479,983".

Page 349, after line 56, insert:

"4. Out of this appropriation \$1,000,000 from the general fund the second year shall be provided for a pilot program to provide non-emergency medical transportation services for uninsured Virginians living in medically underserved or unserved areas in the catchment area of a federally qualified health center. Priority shall be given to serving persons living in rural localities."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to the Virginia Community Healthcare Association for a pilot non-emergency transportation program for uninsured Virginians, living in medically underserved or unserved areas in the catchment area of a federally qualified health center. Funding priority will be given to serving individuals in rural localities.)

Item 285 #1h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Health Professions

Language

Language:

Page 357, after line 45, insert:

"D.1. Out of this appropriation, up to \$600,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation (COAR) opioid settlement funds shall be provided to the Department of Health Professions for systems changes to the Prescription Monitoring Program to implement the provisions of House Bill 1902 passed by the 2025 General Assembly. These funds shall remain unallotted until the cost estimates for such systems changes are reviewed and approved by the Director, Department of Planning and Budget.

2.The Department of Health Professions shall include in its budget submissions to the Governor for the 2026-28 budget any necessary general fund requirements for ongoing support for the data sharing agreement."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides one-time funding from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation (COAR) opioid settlement funds to support the cost of systems changes to the Prescription Monitoring Program pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1902 by the 2025 General Assembly, which requires data sharing from the Emergency Department Smartchart with the Prescription Monitoring Program to allow for the display of patient non fatal overdose information in near real time at the point of prescribing. Language requires the Department of Health Professions to include in its budget submission for the 2026-28 budget, any necessary general fund amounts needed to continue the data sharing agreement.)

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Department of Health Professions

Language

Language:

Page 357, strike lines 26 through 38 and insert:

"B. The Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing shall convene a workgroup to study best practices regarding patient medication management for behavioral health medications to children and adolescents, provider-patient communication with respect to medication management, and provider availability when a child or adolescent is prescribed a behavioral health medication. The workgroup shall include representatives from relevant professional organizations, healthcare stakeholders, subject matter experts, and parents of children receiving behavioral health medications. The workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee of Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by December 1, 2025."

Explanation:

(This amendment strikes language contained in Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I, which required as a condition of licensure, all practitioners with authority to prescribe behavioral health medications to children and adolescents to provide families with a plan for medication management and access after hours and on weekends and holidays or in emergencies, a working means of contacting the prescriber either telephonically or electronically, and guidance documents on how to obtain help related to medication management prescription refills or medication overdose after hours. Concerns were raised about the ability of the agency to enforce the requirements of the language. The amendment establishes a workgroup to examine best practices for patient behavioral health medication management, provider availability, and provider-patient communication)

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Medical Assistance
Services

\$0

(\$972,941) GF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,267,308,933".

Page 393, strike lines 26 through 55.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates language and proposed funding to create a Medicaid reserve fund

in the introduced budget, which would set aside a one-year amount covering each initiative that increases Medicaid costs that are adopted by the General Assembly each legislative Session. The reserve amount contained in the introduced budget did not account for the cost of all of the proposed initiatives for the Medicaid program. The creation of a Medicaid reserve amount is an important policy decision, which requires a more in-depth study by the General Assembly.)

Item 288 #2h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance to make supplemental payments through an adjustment to the formula for indirect medical education (IME) reimbursement, using managed care discharge days, not to exceed \$30 million total computable for teaching hospitals affiliated with Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. The public entity shall transfer the non-federal share of the authorized supplemental payments. The funds to be transferred must comply with 42 CFR 433.51 and 433.54. Such funds may not be paid from any private agreements with Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine that are in excess of fair market value or that alleviate pre-existing financial burdens of the school. The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine is authorized to use general fund dollars to accomplish this transfer. The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine would enter into an Interagency Agreement with the department for this purpose and must attest to compliance with applicable CMS criteria. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change.

Explanation:

(This amendment provides the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) with the authority to implement supplemental Medicaid payments to teaching hospitals affiliated with the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine based on the department's reimbursement methodology established for such payments and/or its contracts with managed care organizations. The state's share of funding for the supplemental payments shall be provided by the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. A companion amendment in Item 211 authorizes the transfer of funds from this schools to DMAS for this purpose.)

Item 288 #3h

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$517,699	GF
	\$0	\$907,223	NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,269,706,796".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$517,699 from the general fund and \$907,223 from nongeneral funds the second year for the fiscal impact of House Bill 2539 which directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to amend the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for payment for comprehensive dental care services for pregnant women.)

Item 288 #4h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$6,858,938	GF
	\$0	\$39,829,380	NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,314,970,192".

Page 390, strike lines 21 through 33.

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$6.9 million from the general fund and \$39.8 million from nongeneral funds for the cost to eliminate the threshold restriction for an body mass index greater than 40 or 37 in certain instances in order to access anti-obesity medications for Medicaid patients. This limitation is not based on any current standards of care. Removal of this language, returns the authority to the Department of Medical Assistance Services to determine appropriate utilization of anti-obesity medications, which is provided in existing budget language in Item 288, paragraph QQQQ.)

Item 288 #5h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$250,000	GF
	\$0	\$250,000	NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,268,781,874".

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Page 380, line 38, after "residency." insert:

The department shall make supplemental payments to eligible hospitals, recommended by the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority, for five anesthesiology residents."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$250,000 from the general fund and \$250,000 from nongeneral funds to increase supplemental payments to eligible hospitals for five graduate medical residency slots for anesthesiology residents.)

	Item 288 #6h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$3,522,726 NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,271,804,600".

Page 380, after line 38, insert:

"VV. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall amend the Medicaid State Plan for Medical Assistance and regulations to provide supplemental payments for dentists employed by or contracted with Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Dentistry. The total supplemental payment shall be based on the average commercial rate as approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and all other Medicaid payments subject to such limit made to such dentists. DMAS shall enter into a transfer agreement with Virginia Commonwealth University for such supplemental payments, in which the University shall provide the non-federal share in order to match federal Medicaid funds for the supplemental payments. The department shall have the authority to implement these reimbursement changes consistent with the effective date in the State Plan amendment approved by CMS and prior to completion of any regulatory process in order to effect such changes."

Page 380 through 393, renumber succeeding paragraphs.

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.5 million from nongeneral funds the second year to provide Medicaid supplemental payments to the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry for services provided by dentists it employs or with whom it contracts. VCU shall provide the non-federal share in order to match federal Medicaid funds for the supplemental payments.)

	Item 288 #7h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26

Committee Approved Amendments to House Bill 1600, as Introduced

Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$658,252	GF
Services	\$0	\$687,152	NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,269,627,278".

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. Effective July 1, 2024, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall submit amendments to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid for the Community Living, and the Family and Individual Supports 1915c Developmental Disability Waivers to implement, in the limited circumstances set forth herein, an option for compensating a provider for assigning a qualified Direct Support Professional to assist individuals in an acute care hospital when necessary supports (including communication, behavior stabilization and/or intensive personal care) are outlined in the individual's service plan and such support, specific to the individual, is not otherwise provided. Services would be available for those individuals, 18 years of age or older who are admitted to an acute care setting while receiving Group Home Residential, Sponsored Residential, Supported Living, or In-Home Supports. Services will be reimbursed at the same rate as personal care to providers who assign designated support staff able to implement the supports identified in the individual's plan, identify other needs which arise where support is required, facilitate the acute care treatment plan and communication among all service providers. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$658,252 from the general fund and \$687,152 from the nongeneral fund each year to direct the Department of Medical Assistance Services to submit amendments to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid for the two Developmental Disability Waivers to provide Medicaid payment for designated staff support for adults with developmental disability in acute care settings. Language sets forth requirements for these payments and provides the agency with emergency regulation authority to implement the changes.)

Item 288 #8h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$142,593	GF
Services	\$0	\$428,713	NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,268,853,180".

Page 393, line 23, after "illness", insert:

"or substance use disorder".

Explanation:

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(This amendment adds \$142,593 from the general fund and \$428,713 from nongeneral funds in fiscal year 2026 to modify Medicaid reimbursement for long-acting injectable or extended release medications administered in an any hospital emergency department or hospital inpatient setting for substance use disorder. The payment will be unbundled from the hospital daily rate. The introduced budget provides funding and language to unbundle these payments only when administered for a serious mental illness. This language extends this provision for cases of substance use disorder.)

Item 288 #9h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$0	\$1,589,297	GF
	\$0	\$3,080,226	NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,272,951,397".

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall seek the appropriate waiver authority for a demonstration project to add neurobehavioral and neurorehabilitation facilities to support 20 individuals with traumatic brain injuries and neurocognitive disorders by January 1, 2026. The neurobehavioral and neurorehabilitation facilities shall be considered as a specialized institutional placement for individuals with a traumatic brain injury diagnosis. The department shall set service definitions, administrative structure, eligibility criteria, eligibility and enrollment processes, and reimbursement rates required for administration of a program for such facilities. The department shall have authority to implement these changes prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.6 million from the general fund and \$3.0 million from nongeneral fund the second year to provide Medicaid coverage for neurobehavioral and neurorehabilitation facilities to support 20 individuals with traumatic brain injuries and neurocognitive disorders by January 1, 2026. Language provides for the adoption of emergency regulations to effect such change.)

Item 288 #10h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$235,000	\$0	GF
	\$235,000	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$25,132,314,024" and insert "\$25,132,784,024".

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. Out of this appropriation, \$235,000 from the general fund and \$235,000 from nongeneral funds the first year shall be provided to implement the provisions of House Bill 1904, 2025 Session. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$235,000 from the general fund and \$235,000 from nongeneral funds the first year to amend the Medicaid application across all eligibility modalities to gather all necessary information to determine an applicant's eligibility for the Medicaid Works program, pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1904, 2025 Session, Funding is provided in the first year to allow systems changes to begin in order to implement the legislation on time.)

Item 288 #11h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. The Department of Medical Assistance Services Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee shall ensure that when recommending drugs to the Department of Medical Assistance Services that no non opioid drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment or management of pain shall be disadvantaged or discouraged for coverage relative to any opioid, including the imposition of prior authorization or step therapy more restrictive than an opioid drug for pain.

PPPPP. The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee shall make no recommendations on any changes to the Common Core Formulary to the Department of Medical Assistance Services until a fiscal impact review is conducted by the agency's fiscal division and reviewed by the Chief Financial Officer and the Director."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language requiring the Department of Medical Assistance Service Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee to take steps to ensure that non opioid and opioid drugs are treated equitably in decisions about Medicaid coverage. Language is also added that the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee shall make no recommendations on any changes to the programs's Common Core Formulary unless a fiscal impact review is completed and reviewed.)

Item 288 #12h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$550,332	GF
Services	\$0	\$782,108	NGF

Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,269,614,314".

Page 393, after line 55, insert:

"OOOOO. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall have the authority to modify reimbursement for licensed midwives at the same rate as the physician fee schedule for covered services. The department shall have the authority to implement this change prior to the completion of any regulatory process to effect such changes."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$550,322 from the general fund and \$782,108 from nongeneral funds the second year to require the Medicaid program to reimburse all licensed midwives at the same rate as the physician fee schedule for covered services.)

Item 288 #13h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance	\$0	\$4,469,269	GF
Services	\$0	\$6,673,785	NGF
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Language:

Page 359, line 42, strike "\$26,268,281,874" and insert "\$26,279,424,928".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$4.5 million from the general fund and \$6.7 million from nongeneral funds the second year and nine positions for the fiscal impact of House Bill 2102, which directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek federal authority to implement presumptive eligibility for pregnant individuals, in addition to the existing hospital presumptive eligibility program and, if the department receives such authority, allows the department to authorize qualified entities to make determinations of presumptive eligibility for pregnant individuals. Funding covers necessary systems updates, hiring personnel as needed, and other costs. Expenses are expected to be slightly higher in year one due to start-up costs.)

Item 288 #14h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 380, line 19, strike "fellowships" and insert "residencies".

Page 380, line 20, strike "&".

Page 380, line 20, strike "residencies" and insert "fellowships".

Explanation:

(This amendment makes technical changes to language in the introduced budget related to Medicaid Graduate Medical Education residency and fellowship slots funded by the state at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters to accurately reflect the number of residency and fellowship slots funded through the program.)

Item 292 #1h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Language

Language:

Page 400, line 4, strike "three" and insert "two".

Explanation:

(This amendment redistributes funding for poison control center services from three centers to two. The National Capitol Poison Control Center is ceasing operations as of March 31, 2025 and the poison control centers operated by the two state teaching hospitals will provide poison control services to the Northern Virginia region.)

Item 292 #2h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Medical Assistance
Services

\$0
\$0

\$1,272,313 GF
\$1,003,500 NGF

Language:

Page 395, line 2, strike "\$352,158,338" and insert "\$354,434,151".

Page 399, strike lines 50 through 54 and insert:

"S. Out of this appropriation, \$87,500 the first year and \$1,359,813 the second year from the

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general fund and \$262,500 the first year and \$1,003,500 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided to the Department of Medical Assistance Services to fund the All Payer Claims Database maintained by Virginia Health Information and overseen by the Virginia Department of Health."

Explanation:

(This amendment consolidates funding the second year for the All Payer Claims Database in the Department of Medical Assistance Services from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). It transfers \$1.3 million from the general fund from in the VDH budget and adds \$1.0 million from matching federal Medicaid funds the second year for the Virginia's All Payer Claims Database. This action facilitates the draw down of allowable matching federal fund dollars for such purposes. A companion amendment in Item 279 in the Virginia Department of Health modifies funding and language related to the funding for the All Payer Claims Database.)

Item 292 #3h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Medical Assistance Services	\$250,000	\$0	GF
	\$250,000	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 395, line 2, strike "\$322,845,151" and insert "\$323,345,151".

Page 402, after line 29, insert:

"MM. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 from the general fund and \$250,000 from nongeneral funds the first year is provided for the implementation of House Bill 2610, pursuant to passage by the 2025 General Assembly for an evaluation of the implementation of a contract with a third-party pharmacy benefits manager for the administration of pharmacy benefits for the Virginia Medicaid program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provide \$250,000 from the general fund and \$250,000 from nongeneral funds the first year for the implementation of House Bill 2610, which requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services to engage an independent consultant to evaluate the implementation of a contract with a third-party pharmacy benefits manager for the administration of pharmacy benefits for the Virginia Medicaid program.)

Item 295 #1h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$1,100,000	GF

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Language:

Page 404, line 32, strike "\$167,136,531" and insert "\$168,236,531".

Page 408, line 21, strike the second "\$575,000" and insert:

"\$1,675,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.1 million the second year from the general fund for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation to expand the Boost! program, formerly known as Boost 200. Boost! pays for supervisory hours and licensure exam preparation for individuals obtaining their masters of social work and masters of counseling. This funding will add 60 more slots to the program, bringing the total to 383 slots.)

	Item 295 #2h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	(\$1,000,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 404, line 32, strike "\$162,365,802" and insert "\$161,365,802".

Page 410, strike lines 50 through 52.

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$1.0 million the first year from the general fund for the Youth Mental Health Matters campaign to fund other behavioral health initiatives.)

	Item 295 #3h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$500,000 NGF

Language:

Page 404, line 32, strike "\$167,136,531" and insert "\$167,636,531".

Explanation:

(This amendment appropriates an additional \$500,000 the second year from the Problem Gambling and Support Fund to support the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services' contract with VCU to provide support and services for problem gambling recovery and treatment.)

Item 295 #4h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

Language:

Page 410, after line 52, insert:

"TT. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Department of Planning and Budget may direct a portion of the funding up to \$75,000 in the Crisis Call Center Fund to Mental Health Virginia Warmline, a peer support line that reduces the 988 crisis call center volume."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Item 295 #5h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Language

Language:

Page 408, line 44, strike:

"to provide technical assistance to school divisions" and insert:

"to allow school districts to contract with a mental telehealth provider. School districts may opt-in to allow any student requesting support to receive such service from a qualified telehealth care provider with validated clinical outcomes and experience serving youth. The provider shall ensure no direct costs are passed onto the patient and all uninsured patients are covered at no cost."

Page 408, strike lines 45 through 46.

Page 408, line 47, strike "providers."

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language to allow school divisions to contract with a mental telehealth provider to provide mental health services to students. This amendment also removes proposed language allowing the Department to provide technical assistance to school divisions.)

Item 295 #6h

Health and Human Resources

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Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$249,600	GF
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Language:

Page 404, line 32, strike "\$167,136,531" and insert "\$167,386,131".

Page 410, after line 52, insert:

"TT. Out of this appropriation, \$249,600 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 2350 of the 2025 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$249,600 the second year from the general fund to cover the one-time cost of DBHDS hiring a contractor to develop standardized guidelines in consultation with VDEM for mental health support during emergencies or extended incidents pursuant to House Bill 2350 of the 2025 General Assembly.)

Item 296 #1h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	(\$30,214,906)	GF
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Language:

Page 410, line 55, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$155,403,096".

Page 411, line 40, strike "\$49,737,458" and insert "\$19,522,552".

Page 411, line 56, strike "\$41,152,858" and insert "\$10,937,952".

Explanation:

(This amendment redirects \$30.2 million the second year from the general fund proposed to provide private hospitals funding to hire Special Conservators of the Peace to fund other behavioral health initiatives.)

Item 296 #2h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$1,500,000	GF
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Language:

Page 410, line 54, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$187,118,002".

Page 415, after line 1, insert:

"Z. Out of this appropriation, \$1,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to

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reimburse Community Services Boards for the restoration of competency to stand trial evaluations, services, and supports in an outpatient setting and to provide training to clinicians."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million the second year from the general fund to reimburse Community Services Boards for the evaluations and restoration services, as well as clinician training to perform these services. This funding would cover the cost of 800 outpatient restorations at a cost of \$1,668 per case as well as training for six clinicians in every Community Services Board at \$55/hour for eight hours.)

Item 296 #3h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$100,000	GF

Language:

Page 410, line 55, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$185,718,002".

Page 413, line 4, strike the second "\$3,547,000" and insert "\$3,647,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 the second year from the general fund to support the Regional Older Adults Facility Team (RAFT) in Northern Virginia to provide services to older adults with mental illness and dementia.)

Item 296 #4h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$750,000	GF

Language:

Page 410, line 55, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$186,368,002".

Page 414, line 54, strike "\$1,534,100" and insert "\$2,284,100".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 the second year from the general fund to expand the Adult Psychiatric Access Line, bringing the fiscal year 2026 total to \$2.3 million. This program provides psychiatric consultation and care navigation for primary care physicians to better treat adults with mental health and substance use disorders.)

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Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$0	\$2,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 410, line 55, strike "\$185,618,002" and insert "\$187,618,002".

Page 413, line 13, strike the second "\$1,650,000" and insert "\$3,650,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million the second year from the general fund to support pilot programs for individuals with dementia or geriatric individuals who may otherwise be admitted to a state facility.)

Item 297 #1h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Grants to Localities	\$0	\$8,700,000	GF

Language:

Page 415, line 19, strike "\$787,892,721" and insert "\$796,592,721".

Page 421, after line 23, insert:

"VV. Out of this appropriation, \$8,700,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for Community Services Boards to hire additional support coordinators."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$8.7 million the second year from the general fund for Community Services Boards (CSBs) to hire additional support coordinators. CSBs are the single point of entry for waiver services and are the sole providers of waiver support coordination. Additional support coordinators are needed to handle the increased caseload due to the significant addition of DD waiver slots in the 2024-2026 biennium. This funding would support 96 additional support coordinators between the time they are hired and when they can carry a full caseload and begin billing Medicaid.)

Item 297 #2h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Grants to Localities	\$0	\$3,600,000	GF

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Language:

Page 415, line 19, strike "\$787,892,721" and insert "\$791,492,721".

Page 420, line 17, strike "\$11,400,000" and insert "\$15,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.6 million the second year from the general fund to support six additional Marcus Alert sites to develop co-response programs between law enforcement officers and clinicians.)

Item 297 #3h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Grants to Localities

\$0

\$8,000,000

GF

Language:

Page 415, line 19, strike "\$787,892,721" and insert "\$795,892,721".

Page 421, after line 23, insert:

"VV. Out of this appropriation, \$8,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to Community Services Boards to support their prevention staff and expand prevention programs."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$8.0 million the second year from the general fund for Community Services Boards (CSBs) to provide a variety of prevention services. CSBs have been using federal funding to provide prevention services, but funding through the Consolidated Appropriation Act has recently ended and American Rescue Plan Act funding will end in September 2025. This amendment will allow CSBs to continue providing prevention services.)

Item 314 #1h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department for Aging and
Rehabilitative Services

\$0

\$985,000

GF

Language:

Page 427, line 24, strike "\$116,760,793" and insert "\$117,745,793".

Page 429, line 26. strike the second "\$775,000" and insert "\$1,760,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$985,000 from the general fund the second year for workforce retention for brain injury service provider, bringing the total to \$1,760,000 in fiscal year 2026. Chapter 2,

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2024 Special Session I provided \$775,000 in each year of the 2024-26 biennium for this purpose. State contracted brain injury providers report high attrition and difficulty filling open positions because of non-competitive salaries and benefits, resulting in negative impacts on the delivery of programs and services and meeting client needs.)

Item 314 #2h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$1,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 427, line 24, strike "\$116,760,793" and insert "\$117,760,793".

Page 429, line 9, strike the second "\$10,396,719" and insert "\$12,396,719".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund the second year for community service for individuals with brain injury. Community service providers continue to have waiting lists for services and struggle to meet existing service needs of this population that requires specialized supports. This funding would support the existing state-contracted safety net brain injury services system to provide for increased statewide coverage of critical services and strengthen existing programs to include: hiring additional case managers and clinical professional staff, equipment and information technology modernization, statewide awareness/education efforts, and other critical supports to meet the growing demands for brain injury services across the state.)

Item 315 #1h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$1,500,000	GF

Language:

Page 430, line 4, strike "\$40,439,449" and insert "\$41,939,449".

Page 431, after line 44, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$1,500,000 from the general fund the second year shall be provided to increase support to Area Agencies on Aging."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million from the general fund the second year to cover increased costs for providing current services for the Area Agencies on Aging and meeting the

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increased demand for home care services and transportation.)

	Item 315 #2h		
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$1,300,000	GF

Language:

Page 430, line 4, strike "\$40,439,449" and insert "\$41,739,449".

Page 431, after line 44, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$1,300,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency Inc. to replace the roof on Hare Valley School and make other critical building improvements."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.3 million in fiscal year 2026 for a new metal roofing system for Hare Valley School in Northampton County and other building improvements such as, window replacement or replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. The building houses the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency Inc. and other human services organizations.)

	Item 315 #3h		
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$750,000	GF

Language:

Page 430, line 4, strike "\$40,439,449" and insert "\$41,189,449".

Page 431, after line 44, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$750,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the County of Fairfax to support the Washington Area Villages Exchange for the creation of a pilot program to reduce the public health risk of social isolation among older Virginians by expanding the availability of Villages to additional sites."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 the second year from the general fund to the County of Fairfax to support the Washington Area Villages Exchange in the creation of a pilot program to reduce the public health risk of social isolation among older Virginians by expanding the availability of Villages to additional sites. Villages are a proven means of combatting isolation

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while enabling older adults to age in place and live safely and independently in their homes.)

Item 315 #4h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$0	\$400,000	GF

Language:

Page 430, line 4, strike "\$40,439,449" and insert "\$40,839,449".

Page 431, after line 44, insert:

"N. Out of this appropriation, \$400,000 from the general fund the second year shall be provided to the Capitol Area Agency on Aging and Local Office on Aging, Inc. for an interdisciplinary plan of care and dementia case management for 200 individuals diagnosed with dementia. Funding shall be allocated evenly between the two Area Agencies on Aging. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall report the status oof the program and provide an update on the results of the dementia case management program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1 of each year.)

Explanation:

(This amendment adds \$400,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to expand the interdisciplinary plan of care and dementia case management to two Area Agencies on Aging located in Richmond and Roanoke to serve 200 individuals diagnosed with dementia. Language provides for an annual report on the status of the programs and results. This is a recommendation of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission and the Council on Aging.)

Item 324 #1h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$500,000	GF
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Language:

Page 435, line 29, strike "\$64,798,852" and insert "\$65,298,852".

Page 437, after line 11, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Department of Social Services to develop a child welfare workforce support program to include a confidential peer support helpline and a pilot program of the Community Resiliency Model."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$500,000 the second year from the general fund and one position to establish a child welfare workforce support program. The workforce program will include a confidential peer support helpline to offer child welfare workers real time support from retired employees with experience in the agency and knowledge of how to address the stressors of the job. The program will also include a pilot program of the Community Resiliency Model, an evidence-based model that focuses on providing workers with the skills to help themselves and others after experiencing trauma and stress. Funding in this amendment would fund a program coordinator in the Office of Trauma and Resilience Policy, a team of part-time retired workers to staff the helpline, a team of facilitators trained in the Community Resiliency Model, research to measure program outcomes, and related administrative costs.)

Item 328 #1h

Health and Human Resources

Department of Social Services

Language

Language:

Page 442, after line 32, insert:

"F. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall, on or before June 30, 2025, unallot \$1,000,000 from the general fund in this item, which reflects unused balances in the auxiliary grants program."

Explanation:

(This amendment captures \$1.0 million in balances the first year in the Auxiliary Grant program within the Department of Social Services.)

Item 329 #1h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Social Services

\$0

\$425,750 GF

Language:

Page 442, line 34, strike "\$293,034,091" and insert "\$293,459,841".

Page 445, after line 40, insert:

"W. Out of this appropriation, \$425,750 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Department of Social Services to expand the existing program to find relative and fictive kin for youth in foster care. Any unexpended balance in this paragraph at the close of business on June 30, 2026 shall not revert back to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated for this purpose."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$425,750 the second year from the general fund for the Department of Social Services to expand the existing program with current providers to find relative and fictive kin at the time of entry into foster care or when an out-of-home placement is needed before entry into foster care. The current program eligibility is for youth who are placed in congregate care or who have been in foster care for twelve months or more and are not placed with kinship foster parents. Additional funding will enable existing providers to hire additional staff for this program, expanding services to ensure that children entering fostering care are promptly assigned a kinship specialist to locate relatives and fictive kin. Additional staff will serve more children in more locations across the state.)

Item 329 #2h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$1,600,000	GF

Language:

Page 442, line 34, strike "\$293,034,091" and insert "\$294,634,091".

Page 445, after line 40, insert:

"W. Out of this appropriation, \$1,600,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support the establishment and implementation of the Future in Focus program to provide stipend payments to former foster care youth aged 21 to 23."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.6 million the second year from the general fund to fund the fiscal impact of House Bill 1964, which creates the Future in Focus program. Future in Focus will provide a monthly maintenance care payment to individuals aged 21 to 23 to support their housing costs as they transition to adulthood and self-sufficiency. The percentage of the monthly stipend received will depend on the recipient's age and will gradually decrease each year up until their 24th birthday. Age 21 would receive 75 percent of the current maintenance care rate, age 22 would receive 50 percent of the current rate, and age 23 would receive 25 percent of the current rate. The current maintenance care rate is \$836 per month.)

Item 330 #1h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$120,000	GF

Language:

Page 445, line 43, strike "\$260,874,823" and insert "\$260,994,823".

Page 446, after line 15, insert:

"C. The State Board of Social Services (the Board) is authorized to promulgate regulations to

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allow applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program to be submitted over an application period that provides adequate time for individuals to apply and is extended beyond the current application period in effect as of July 1, 2024, provided adequate funding is available to extend such application period. The Board's initial adoption of regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act shall be exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act, except that the Board shall provide an opportunity for public comment on the regulations prior to adoption."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Social Services to expand the application window for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program to a year-round basis, a program to help Virginia families pay their energy bills. \$120,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Department of Social Services to provide technical support to extend the application window.)

Item 331 #1h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Social Services	\$4,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$68,565,691" and insert "\$72,565,691".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$4,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Prince William County to support the renovation of the Prince William Welcome Center and the Fairfax Welcome Center. Any unexpended balance in this paragraph at the close of business on June 30, 2025 shall not revert back to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated for this purpose."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$4.0 million the first year from the general fund to support one-time costs of renovating both the Prince William and Fairfax Welcome Center operated by CASA. Funds may be used to enhance accessibility features and create new training spaces and will be carried forward to the next fiscal year if there are unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2025.)

Item 331 #2h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$200,000 GF

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Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,363,045".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the city of Virginia Beach to develop a multipurpose sports court for residents of the Hallow by Samaritan House."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 the second year from the general fund to Virginia Beach to develop a multipurpose sports court, suitable for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball for residents of the Hallow by Samaritan House. The Hallow is the first trafficking youth shelter in Coastal Virginia and the sports court will provide enrichment for the youth, encouraging healthy physical and mental lifestyle choices.)

	Item 331 #3h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$450,000 GF

Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,613,045".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$450,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to Hanover County to (i) develop and complete the Health and Human Services Master Plan to address the increasing need for long term planning and high-level human services policy setting in Hanover County and to serve as a resource to address human services needs for individuals in the community, (ii) create an education and awareness campaign to promote and advocate for the expansion of foster and kinship care, (iii) and create an education and awareness campaign related to youth mental health."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$450,000 the second year from the general fund to Hanover County to develop a Health and Human Services Master Plan and conduct educational and awareness campaigns related to foster and kinship care and youth mental health.)

	Item 331 #4h	
Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$400,000 GF

Language:

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Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,563,045".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$400,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to Fairfax County in support of Lorton Community Action Center."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$400,000 the second year from the general fund to Fairfax County for Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC). LCAC provides low-income individuals, senior citizens, and families access to basic needs and self-sufficiency programs. This funding would allow LCAC to provide rental assistance to their clients.)

Item 331 #5h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Social Services

\$0

\$50,000 GF

Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,213,045".

Page 450, after line 36, insert:

"CC. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to Loudoun County for Anna Sudha Community Kitchens to address food insecurity."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 the second year from the general fund to Loudoun County for Anna Sudha Community Kitchens, an organization that addresses food insecurity through innovative programs and services. This funding would cover operational costs, with a focus on proving services to Title I school communities, and ensure that their physical space remains available to the volunteers and beneficiary community members.)

Item 331 #6h

Health and Human Resources

FY24-25

FY25-26

Department of Social Services

\$0

\$175,000 NGF

Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,338,045".

Page 446, line 46, strike the second "\$9,250,000" and insert "\$9,425,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$175,000 the second year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy

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Families block grant to provide increased support for local Community Action Agencies (CAAs). This increase will hold CAAs harmless from any reductions resulting from a new locality designation into the state network which goes into effect July 1, 2025.)

Item 331 #7h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$500,000	NGF

Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,663,045".

Page 450, line 13, strike the second "\$750,000" and insert "\$1,250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 the second year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant to Cornerstones to address the rising needs for safe and stable housing, food security, quality childcare, youth enrichment, and family self-sufficiency. This amendment brings the fiscal year 2026 total to \$1.3 million from the nongeneral fund.)

Item 331 #8h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$1,125,000	NGF

Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$71,288,045".

Page 446, line 52, strike the second "\$1,125,000" and insert "\$2,250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.1 million the second year from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant to support the expansion of the Whole Family Initiative from six to twelve sites across Virginia. This program helps families achieve higher incomes, employment levels, and early childhood educational outcomes. This amendment brings the funding total for fiscal year 2026 to \$2.3 million from nongeneral funds.)

Item 331 #9h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$125,000	NGF

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Language:

Page 446, line 17, strike "\$70,163,045" and insert "\$70,288,045".

Page 447, line 23, strike the second "\$2,000,000" and insert "\$2,125,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$125,000 the second year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant to Northern Virginia Family Services to provide services that address the basic needs of families in crisis, including providing food, financial assistance, access to health services, and workforce development programs. This amendment brings total funding to fiscal year 2026 to \$2.1 million from nongeneral funds.)

Item 334 #1h

Health and Human Resources	FY24-25	FY25-26	
Department of Social Services	\$0	\$400,000	NGF

Language:

Page 451, line 52, strike "\$154,429,417" and insert "\$154,829,417".

Page 453, after line 45, insert:

"I. Out of this appropriation, \$400,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund shall be provided to the Department of Social Services to create an Addiction Treatment Navigator that will allow members of the public seeking care to determine the proper level of care, access providers in their area, determine insurance coverage, and view provider quality metrics."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$400,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund to create an Addiction Treatment Navigator to assist individuals seeking treatment for substance use disorder.)

Item 479 #1h

Independent Agencies	FY24-25	FY25-26	
State Corporation Commission	\$94,500	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 595, line 8, strike "\$408,828,801" and insert "\$408,923,301".

Page 595, after line 55, insert:

"G. Out of this appropriation, \$94,500 from the general fund the first year is provided to defray the cost to qualified plans sold on Virginia's Insurance Marketplace for implementing House

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Bill 1641 as passed during the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2025, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$94,500 from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to implement the provisions of House Bill 1641, as passed during the 2025 Regular Session, to defray the cost of mandating the qualified health plans to cover the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric autoimmune disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS). The funding defrays the costs to include the coverage provided through qualified health plans sold through Virginia's Insurance Marketplace, the state's health benefit exchange.)

Item 479 #2h

Independent Agencies

State Corporation Commission

Language

Language:

Page 595, after line 55, insert:

"G. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall, on or before June 30, 2025, unallot \$20,000,000 from the dedicated special funds in this item, which reflects unused balances in the Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Plan."

Explanation:

(This amendment captures \$20.0 million in balances the first year in the Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Plan within the State Corporation Commission.)

Item 479 #3h

Independent Agencies

State Corporation Commission

FY24-25

(\$25,000,000)

FY25-26

(\$42,000,000)

GF

Language:

Page 595, line 8, strike "\$408,828,801" and insert "\$383,828,801".

Page 595, line 9, strike "\$604,053,109" and insert "\$562,053,109".

Page 595, line 37, strike "\$25,000,000 the first year and".

Page 595, line 37, strike "\$67,000,000" and insert "\$25,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces the general fund appropriation by \$25.0 million the first year and

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\$42.0 million the second year for the Commonwealth Health Reinsurance Program. Current estimates of federal funding indicate less need for state general fund amounts to support the program in fiscal year 2025 and fiscal year 2026.)

Item 489.40 #1h

Independent Agencies

Opioid Abatement Authority

Language

Language:

Page 604, line 49, strike "\$15,664,145" and insert "\$15,564,145".

Page 605, strike lines 15 and 16.

Page 605, after line 18, insert:

"Department of Social Services (765)	Addiction Treatment Navigator	\$0	\$400,000".
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Explanation:

(This amendment updates a table of all appropriations in the budget related to the Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund.)

Item 3-5.15 #1h

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Provider Payment Rate Assessment

Language

Language:

Page 663, after line 4, insert:

"The Department shall have the authority to update the State Plan Amendment and preprint to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to revise the net patient revenue calculation in accordance with CMS regulations to include currently excluded providers. The department shall have the authority to implement this change effective July 1, 2024, and prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."

Page 663, line 5, strike "I" and insert "J".

Explanation:

(This amendment adds language providing the Department of Medical Assistance Services with the authority to modify the net patient revenue calculation for the purpose of determining enhanced Medicaid hospital outpatient and inpatient payments.)

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Provider Payment Rate Assessment

Language

Language:

Page 661, lines 52. after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 661, lines 52. after "this item. Private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 1 after "private" strike "acute".

Page 662, at the beginning of line 2, strike "care".

Page 662, line 2, after "hospitals", strike:

", freestanding psychiatric and rehabilitation hospitals, children's hospitals, long stay hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals and critical access hospitals".

Page 662, line 5. after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 7. after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, strike lines 8 through 9 and insert:

C.1. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall calculate each hospital's "payment rate assessment amount" by multiplying net patient service revenue" as defined below, times a "payment rate assessment percentage" determined by DMAS consistent with federal law. This includes the ability for DMAS to determine hospital classes, exclude hospital classes, and set variable payment rates on different hospital classes consistent with federal law."

Page 662, strike lines 10 through 12.

Page 662, line 17, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 21, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 37, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 662, line 42, after "private" strike "acute care".

Page 663, line 1, after "private" strike "acute care".

Explanation:

(This amendment modifies the methodology used to calculate the Medicaid hospital provider payment rate assessment that was adopted during the 2018, Special Session I. At the time the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) was given the authority to impose two provider assessments on private acute care hospitals, (i) a coverage assessment intended to pay the state 10 percent share of the full cost of expanding Medicaid coverage pursuant to the Affordable Care Act and (ii) an assessment to enhance Medicaid payment rates for private acute care hospitals in the Commonwealth. This second hospital provider payment rate assessment was intended to satisfy the state share of costs to increase Medicaid fee-for services rates to the federal upper payment limit and close the managed care organization hospital payment gap for both inpatient and outpatient services. The provider rate assessment applies to the same group of hospitals as the coverage assessment and is administered in a similar manner. This amendment increases the number of hospitals subject to the rate assessment to all private

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hospitals in Virginia and excludes only public hospitals from the calculation of the rate assessment. Currently 63 hospitals are subject to the provider rate assessment. This amendment allows DMAS to complete calculations to determine which hospitals will be subject to the rate assessment. Public hospitals remain exempt from the calculation of the rate assessment.)

Item 4-5.04 #1h

Special Conditions and Restrictions on Expenditures

Goods and Services

Language

Language:

Page 695, line 33, unstrike "or state statute".

Explanation:

(This amendment restores language contained in Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I, which prohibits any funding in the budget from being used for abortion services unless otherwise required by federal or state law. The introduced budget eliminated the reference to state law.)
