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VDSS Role in Expansion

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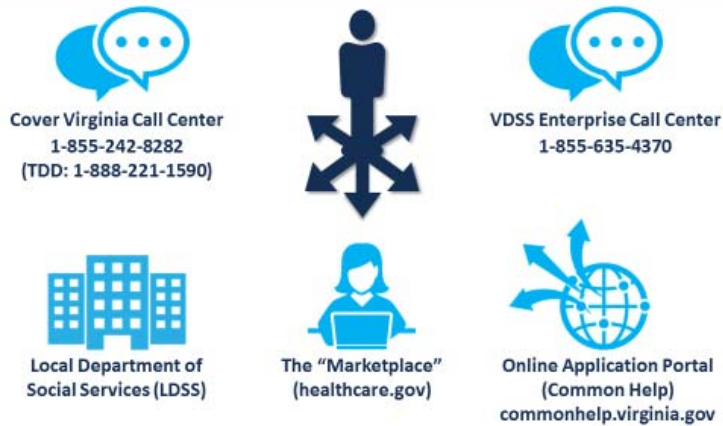
- Preparing LDSS
 - Eligibility Pathways
 - Communications
 - Systems Development
 - Resources/Technology
 - Training
 - Collaboration



Eligibility Pathways

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How to Apply for Medicaid Coverage



VDSS Role in Expansion

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To assist local agencies with increasing their awareness and optimizing ME enrollment, VDSS created a Medicaid Expansion HUB (MedEx) to support state and local agencies.



MEDICAID EXPANSION

WELCOME TO THE MedEx HUB

The Commonwealth of Virginia is the 37th state, along with the District of Columbia, to approve Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act. Governor Ralph Northam signed a new state budget into law on June 7, 2019 that will take effect January 1, 2020.

The new law will expand eligibility to adults earning up to 138% of the federal poverty level, or less than \$17,000 a year, and includes a waiver to impose certain conditions such as a work requirement.

The Commonwealth has launched an outreach campaign called "Cover Virginia" to increase statewide awareness and optimize enrollment. Additional information pertaining to Medicaid Expansion is available at www.CoverVA.org.

To assist both state staff and local agencies in this endeavor, VDSS created this Medicaid Expansion HUB (MedEx Hub) here on Fusion. Please check the MedEx Hub often for tools and resources designed to assist local agencies when answering questions received from the community and stakeholders.

MEDICAID EXPANSION IS COMING – WHAT'S CHANGING?

- Up to 400,000 more adults living in Virginia will have access to quality, low-cost health coverage
- Virginians aged 19-64 will be able to visit their doctor for help with preventing illness and improving their health
- People working in retail, construction, childcare, landscaping, food service or other jobs that do not offer health insurance may be eligible for this low-cost health insurance in Virginia.

[Read more about it.](#)

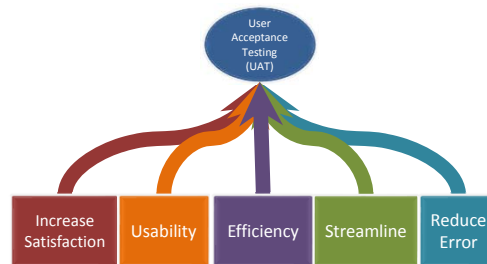
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Systems Development

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- Local Departments Participate in all Phases
- VaCMS Requirements/Design Complete
- VaCMS Testing (In Progress)
 - August 20 – November 9



Hiring/Technology

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- Hiring
 - 300 positions allocated for LDSS
 - As of 09/30 - 282 positions were identified within local departments
 - Laptop Work Request (300 housed at VDSS)
 - Additional data storage
 - Ensuring Application Performance (VITA/VACMS/Local Government)



Training Plan

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Roadshows

- Traveled Across the State between in September in partnership with DMAS
- Over 1,200 Attendees
- Ambassador Training, Enrollment, Eligibility, CPU and Systems

Worker Training

- Over 60 Trainings statewide between October and November; will continue through spring
- Required for all Medicaid Workers (over 2,500 currently registered)
- Policy, Systems, Business Processes

Other Training

- Multiple training paths are planned to include a Medicaid Expansion Track at the upcoming BPRO conference, webinars, and User Group forums



Interagency Collaboration

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- Partner with DMAS, local agencies, workforce development entities and other stakeholders as ME is implemented in 2 phases.
 - Virginia League of Social Services Executives (VLSSE)
 - Benefit Programs Organization (BPRO)
 - Virginia Community College Workforce System (VCCS)
 - Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)
 - Department of Corrections (DOC)
 - Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)



Questions?

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