



Topics Referred from the 2022 Session

Executive Subcommittee
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Meeting goals

- Review study topics referred to the JCHC during the 2022 session
- Determine if the JCHC should take up any of these topics and if so, when

NOTE: Study mandate approved by the Commission on December 7, 2021.

Current 2022 JCHC Workplan

- Members directed 4 studies to be completed in 2022
 - Affordability of assisted living facilities
 - Reducing unnecessary ED utilization
 - Structure and financing of local health departments
 - Provider data sharing to improve quality
- Staff do not have the capacity to take on additional studies this year

NOTE: Request to review how hospitals address social determinants of health has been folded into the study of emergency department utilization (HJ5; SJ42).

Five additional topics for consideration

- Local health department effectiveness and COVID-19 lessons learned
- Vertically integrated health insurance carriers
- Prescription drug price benchmarking
- Eating disorders in Virginia
- Obesity services in Virginia's Medicaid program

NOTE: JCHC is required to address obesity services by November 1, 2023.

Local health department effectiveness and COVID-19 lessons learned

- New study questions (in addition to current work)
 - Are local health departments performing effectively?
 - What lessons can be learned from the COVID-19 response to inform public health emergency preparedness
- JCHC options
 - Prioritize a follow-up study in 2023 addressing new questions
 - Only address the issues in the scope of current study

Vertically integrated health insurance carriers

- Major questions
 - Are vertically integrated carriers paying different rates to affiliated and unaffiliated providers?
 - What are the risks and benefits of vertically integrated carriers?
 - What can be done to monitor and mitigate these risks?
- JCHC options
 - Consider as a full study in 2023
 - Request narrow analysis of rate differentials from VHI
 - Decline to study the issue

Prescription drug price benchmarking

- Major questions
 - How has the cost of prescription drugs changed in Virginia?
 - What policies can Virginia adopt to control the cost of prescription drugs?
- JCHC options
 - Prioritize a study of the topic in 2023
 - Bring in a guest presenter to address state options on prescription drug cost control
 - Decline to address the topic

Eating disorders in Virginia

- Major questions
 - What is the prevalence of eating disorders in Virginia?
 - Is the current education and training on eating disorders adequate?
 - What policies could Virginia implement to improve education, prevention, and treatment?
- JCHC options
 - Prioritize a study of the topic in 2023
 - Direct an executive branch work group to address the topic in 2023
 - Decline to address the topic

Obesity services in Virginia's Medicaid program

- Major questions
 - Are there additional obesity prevention or treatment services that could be covered by Virginia's Medicaid program?
 - What is the estimated cost of adding these services?
- JCHC options
 - Complete the study as requested in 2023
 - Combine the study with broader questions on obesity prevalence and costs

NOTE: Under HB1098, JCHC is required to address this topic by November 1, 2023.



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