



JCHC Executive Subcommittee

June 4, 2026

Agenda

Review of the JCHC work planning process

Overview of workplan options

Priorities for 2026 summer/fall work plan

JCHC members add projects to the work plan twice each year

May/September

JCHC members and staff identify topics for consideration for inclusion on the next semi-annual work plan

June/October

Executive Subcommittee selects topics and project types for the next semi-annual work plan

JCHC members vote to approve final semi-annual work plan

JCHC staff can provide three types of work products

Work Product	Description	Time Required
Information Brief	<p>Describes a health policy topic or problem to inform members and identifies policy questions for future study or priorities for policy option development</p> <p>DOES NOT include policy options</p>	3 – 6 months
Targeted Study	<p>Describes a specific health policy option and policy considerations for implementation</p> <p>Describes and evaluates the policy choices available to decision makers implementing the policy option</p>	5 – 6 months
Comprehensive Study	<p>Describes a health policy problem and the conditions that contribute to the existence of the problem</p> <p>Describes and evaluates policy options to address the health policy problem and contributing conditions</p>	10 – 11 months

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2026 summer/fall work plan must include study of nursing facility staffing

- HB 605 (Willett) requires an evaluation of Virginia's nursing facility workforce and options for staffing standards
 - Targeted study; deadline for completion is December 1, 2026
- HB 1357 (McQuinn) requires a comprehensive assessment of the quality of care, resident safety, and operational practices for Virginia's nursing facilities
 - Comprehensive study; deadline for completion is December 1, 2027

JCHC staff must conduct Step 2 analyses at the request of HIRC

- JCHC analysts complete Step 2 analyses of proposed mandated health care benefits at the direction of the Health Insurance Reform Commission (HIRC)
- Thirteen proposed mandated health insurance benefits are currently pending with HIRC
 - Eight proposed mandated health insurance benefits received Step 1 analyses in 2025 and could be referred for Step 2 analyses in 2026
 - Five new proposed mandated health insurance benefits were referred to HIRC during the 2026 Session and could be eligible for Step 2 analyses in 2026

JCHC could request policy options for current projects

- Public health impacts of e-cigarettes and e-cigarette retailers
 - Informational/background brief provided June 2026
 - Policy options could be provided by October 2026
- Financial condition of rural hospitals in Virginia
 - Informational/background brief provided June 2026
 - Policy options could be provided by October 2026

JCHC could continue other projects initiated in 2025

- Monitoring of the impact of HR 1 (2025) on Virginia's Medicaid program and health care system
- Update on measures of health in Virginia (health metrics)

JCHC could select new projects if current projects are not continued

New topics referred during the 2026 General Assembly Session could be added to the summer/fall work plan

- SB 789 (Reeves): Liquid nicotine and nicotine vapor products; certification
- HB 1423 (McGuire): Group homes; oversight and accountability
- SJ 21 (Favola): Options for establishing a protected reporting system for medical errors

SB 789 (Reeves) Liquid nicotine and nicotine vapor products; certification

- Introduced bill sought to be changed from December 31, 2025, to July 1, 2027, the date by which manufacturers of liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor products must certify to OAG that:
 - The manufacturer has received a federal authorization for sale of the liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor product or an application for federal authorization has been submitted and is pending
 - The liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor product is exempt from the certification requirement because it was marketed as of August 8, 2016
- SB 789 was stricken in committee during the 2026 Session and enforcement of certification requirements began in April 2026

SB 789 (Reeves) Liquid nicotine and nicotine vapor products; certification

A targeted study of SB 789 could

- Describe Virginia's requirements for certification of liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor products and inclusion of products on the Liquid Nicotine and Nicotine Vapor Product Directory
- Describe implementation challenges and barriers to enforcement of Virginia's certification requirements and requirements for inclusion on the Directory
- Compare Virginia's approach to regulation of liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor products to strategies implemented in other states
- Provide policy options to address implementation challenges and barriers

HB 1423 (McGuire) Group homes; oversight and accountability

- Introduced bill directed DBHDS to analyze existing authority for oversight and accountability of group homes
- Substitute directed the JCHC to conduct a comprehensive study of oversight and accountability of all settings overseen by DBHDS
 - Current federal and state requirements for investigations
 - Other states' strategies for oversight, accountability, and investigations
 - Policy options to improve oversight and investigations in Virginia, including options to better address Virginia's service structure, population needs, and regulatory environment

HB 1423 (McGuire) Group homes; oversight and accountability

- Comprehensive study described in HB 1423 could be completed in 2027
- Information brief completed by November 2026 could:
 - Describe current federal and state requirements for oversight, accountability, and investigations of settings overseen by DBHDS
 - Describe other states' strategies for oversight, accountability, and investigations of similar providers and settings
- This topic could be referred to another commission with a primary focus on BH or ID/DD policy

SJ 21 (Favola) Options for establishing protected reporting system

- Introduced resolution directed JCHC to:
 - Evaluate current methods of reporting medical errors to determine current rates of reporting of unintended medical errors to patient safety teams or regulatory authorities
 - Analyze impacts of reports of unintended medical errors
 - Determine feasibility of establishing a nonpunitive, protected report system for unintended medical errors
 - Provide recommendations as to the feasibility of providing immunity from criminal liability for certain unintended medical errors

SJ 21 (Favola) Options for establishing protected reporting system, cont.

- Examination of all issues raised by SJ 21 (Favola) would require a comprehensive study to be completed in 2027
- Information brief completed in November 2026 could
 - Describe current reporting methodologies in Virginia
 - Describe the impacts of unintended medical errors on providers and health systems
 - Provide information about existing models for nonpunitive, protected reporting systems implemented in other states

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JCHC staff capacity for the remainder of 2026 is limited

- Staff capacity for 2026 summer/fall work plan is 3.5 FTEs
- JCHC is required to complete a study of nursing facility workforce pursuant to HB 605 (Willett) (2026)
 - Will require 1.5 FTEs to complete by November 2026
- JCHC is required to complete Step 2 analyses of proposed mandated health insurance benefits referred by HIRC
 - Number of items referred for Step 2 analysis is currently unknown; anticipated workload is 1.0 FTEs

JCHC members must prioritize additional projects for the rest of 2026

1. JCHC members must decide whether to continue current projects for policy options for fall 2026
2. If currently projects are not continued for policy options, JCHC members may continue projects begun in 2025 or select new projects for the 2026 summer/fall work plan
3. JCHC members should prioritize projects not selected for the 2026 summer/fall work plan to provide guidance to staff should additional capacity develop

DECISION: Should current projects be continued for policy options in 2026?

- Financial condition of rural hospitals in Virginia
 - Requires .5 FTE to provide policy options by October 2026
 - Option: defer policy options to allow additional investigation of impacts of HR 1 (2025) on Virginia's rural hospitals
- Public health impacts of e-cigarettes and e-cigarette retailers
 - Requires .5 FTE to provide policy options by October 2026
 - Option: defer policy options to allow for implementation of regulatory scheme adopted during the 2026 Session

DECISION: How should remaining projects be prioritized?

	Work Plan Option	Type	FTEs	Date
1	Impacts of HR 1 (2025) on Virginia’s Medicaid program and health care system, including rural hospitals	Information brief	.5	Oct/Nov 2026
2	Health metrics report: update on measures of health in Virginia	Information brief	.5	Sept/Oct 2026
3	SB 789 (Reeves): Liquid nicotine and nicotine vapor products; certification	Targeted study	.5	Oct/Nov 2026
4	HB 1423 (McGuire): Group homes; oversight and accountability	Information brief	1.0	Nov 2026
		Comp. Study	1.5	Nov 2027
5	SJ 21 (Favola): Options for establishing protected reporting system for medical errors	Information brief	1.0	Nov 2026
		Comp. Study	1.5	Nov 2027

VOTE

Proposed 2026 Summer/Fall Work Plan



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