

Legislative action on policy options for workforce challenges in Virginia’s nursing homes (2021 report)

NOTE: This document is updated annually if additional legislation is introduced.

Policy option	JCHC action	General Assembly action	Legislation year
1. DMAS plan to increase reimbursement for disproportionate share facilities	JCHC recommended (13-1 vote)	Not included in final budget	2022
2. Implement an across-the-board staffing standard	No action taken		
3. Implement an acuity-based staffing standard	JCHC recommended (10-2-1 vote)	HB330/SB406 Failed to report	2022
		HB 1446/SB 1339 Enacted	2023
4. DMAS plan for a nursing home provider assessment	No action taken		
5. Fund scholarships for students who commit to nursing facility work	JCHC recommended (13-1 vote)	Budget Item 287 E.2	2022
6. Design quality improvement program for nursing home staff support	JCHC recommended (13-1 vote)	Budget Item 308 Q.4	2022
7. Fund a formal evaluation of Value-Based Purchasing	JCHC recommended (13-1 vote)	Not included in final budget	2022
8. DMAS plan to increase reimbursement for behavioral health needs	JCHC recommended (13-1 vote)	Not included in final budget	2022
9. Endorse VCCS request for nursing education fund	JCHC recommended (13-1 vote)	Not included in final budget	2022

NOTE: Option 9 was not included in the JCHC staff report, but was raised by a JCHC Member and adopted as a JCHC recommendation.