# UPDATE: VIRGINIA PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE SHORTAGE

Joint Commission on Health Care

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### House Joint Resolution 689 (Del. Purkey)

- Determine whether a shortage of medical doctors exists in the Commonwealth, by specialty and by geographical region
- 2. Project the future need for medical doctors in Virginia over the next 10 years by field of specialty
- Identify and assess factors that contribute to the shortage of medical doctors
- 4. Identify the medical specialty fields primarily affected by the shortage of doctors
- 5. Recommend ways to alleviate shortages

# Agenda

- Physician Supply, Shortages, and Maldistribution
- Medical School Graduates, Residencies, and Geriatric Training
- Recent Impacts and State Policies
- Policy Options

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# PHYSICIAN SUPPLY, SHORTAGES, AND MALDISTRIBUTION

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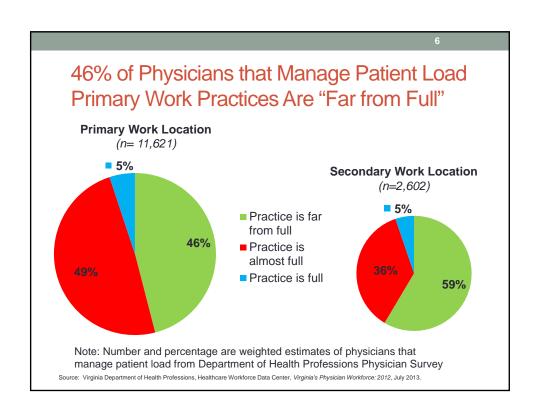
# Virginia Has Over 16,000 Practicing Physicians and 48% Are Primary Care Providers

Specialty	Number	Percentage
Family Medicine	2782	17%
General Internal Medicine	2008	12%
Pediatric	1744	11%
Radiology	1255	8%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	1236	8%
Psychiatry	1209	7%
Other*	6151	38%
Total Physicians	16,385	100%

<sup>\*</sup>See Appendix for additional breakout of physician specialty counts

Primary care specialties are highlighted

Source: Virginia Health Chart Book at <a href="http://www.vahealthchartbook.org/">http://www.vahealthchartbook.org/</a> and email correspondence with GeoHealth Innovations

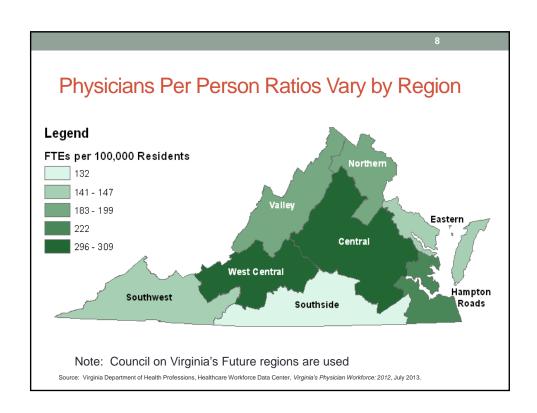


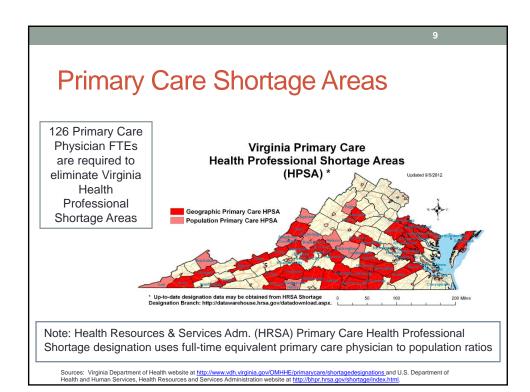
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## Multiple Factors Impact Specialty Choices

- · Income gap between primary care physicians and specialists
  - "Physicians in the primary care specialties can expect to earn about \$50,000 less per year than physicians in non-primary care specialties."
    - -Virginia's Physician Workforce: 2012
- Likelihood of students choosing primary care, rural and underserved careers significantly increased by:
  - Rural birth
  - · Interest in serving underserved or minority populations
  - · Exposure to Title VII in medical school
  - Rural or inner-city training experiences
- Primary care physicians have uncompensated care coordination duties and other administrative burdens that specialists do not have (e.g. in managed care gatekeeper function)

Sources: The Robert Graham Center: Policy Studies in Family Medicine and Primary Care, Specialty and Geographic Distribution of the Physician Workforce: What Influences Medical Student and Resident Choices? 2009. Virginia Department of Health Professions, Healthcare Workforce Data Center, Virginia's Physician Workforce 2012, July 2013, and Congressional Research Service, Physician Supply and the Affordable Care Act, January 15, 2013.





# Current and Future Geriatrician Shortages Mean Other Providers Will Fill the Gap

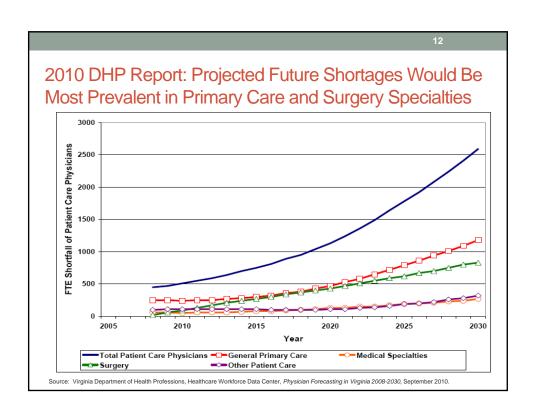
- Between 2005 and 2030, the number of adults aged 65 and older in the United States will almost double (37 million to 70 million)
- Older adults use a disproportionate amount of medical services. By population, individuals over 65 years of age make up only about 12% of the U.S. population, they account for:
  - · 26% of all physician office visits,
  - 47% of all hospital outpatient visits with nurse practitioners,
  - 35% of all hospital stays,
  - 34% of all prescriptions,
  - 38% of all emergency medical service responses, and
  - 90% of all nursing-home use.
- 7,356 certified geriatricians were practicing in the U.S. in 2012 and 30,000 will be needed by 2030 (American Geriatrics Society)
- Fewer than 3 percent of students in medical schools choose to take geriatric electives.

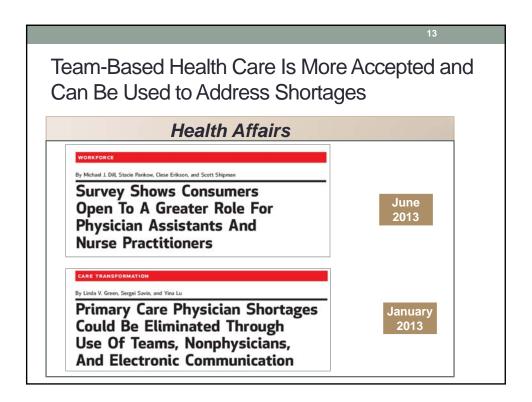
Sources: American Geriatrics Society, Projected Future Need for Geriatricians at http://www.americangeriatrics.org/files/documents/Adv\_Resources/GeriShortageProjected2012.pdf and, Institute of Medicine, Retooling for an Aging America: Building the Health Care Workforce at 2008, http://www.eldercareworkforce.org/files/documents/research/IOM-Report.pdf

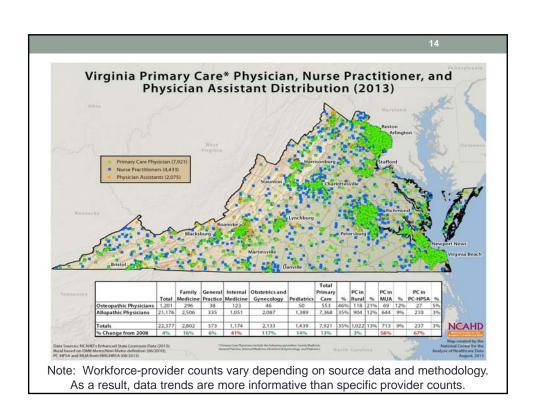
### Forecasts of Specialty Physician Shortage or Surplus Should Be Considered with Caution

- The health care workforce (entry, retention, exit and re-entry) can be subject to unpredictable and variable supply-side influences.
  - Labor market factors: licensure requirements and skills portability
  - Structural workforce issues: participation levels, workforce aging, lifestyle factors and gender.
- Demand-side variables can be unpredictable as well.
  - Shifting utilization patterns of reflecting changes in consumer expectations of health care
  - · Policy changes that impact pricing and payment systems
  - · Number of insured and evolving service delivery models.

Source: Bipartisan Policy Center, The Complexities of National Health Care Workforce Planning, February 2013 at http://bipartisanpolicy.org/sites/default/files/BPC%20DCHS%20Workforce%20Supply%20Paper%20Feb%202013%20final.pdf.







# Path to Practice in the United States Is Challenging and Time-Consuming for Foreign Doctors

- To become a U.S. licensed physician an immigrant physician who has already practiced medicine in a foreign country must:
  - Pass prerequisite exams in order to apply for a residency
  - · Be selected for a U.S. medical residency slot
  - · Complete U.S. residency

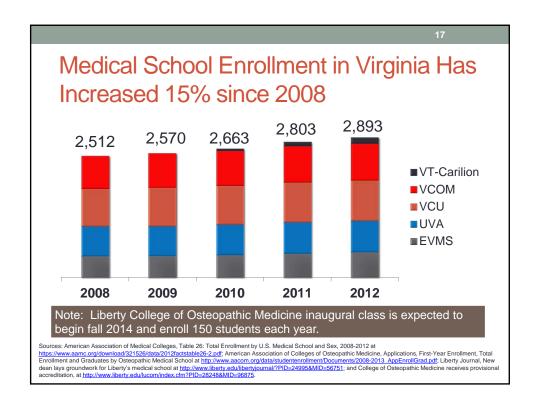
Note: The process can take more than a decade

#### New York Times Profile: Sajith Abeyawickrama

- At age 37 came to U.S. in 2010 to marry
- · Anesthesiologist in home country, Sri Lanka.
- Instead of working as a doctor, he has held a series of jobs in the medical industry, including:
  - o Entering patient data into a hospital's electronic medical records system,
  - Teaching a test prep course for students trying to become licensed doctors themselves.

Source: Catherine Rampell, Path to United States Practice Is Long Slog to Foreign Doctors, New York Times, August 11, 2013.

MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES,
RESIDENCIES, AND GERIATRIC TRAINING



#### Resident Position Increases Are Not Expected to Keep Pace with Medical School Graduates 2017 Projected **U.S. Medical** 2012 Enrollment **Enrollment Enrollment School Enrollment** M.D. 16.488 19,517 (18%) 21,434 (30%) (%) increase of D.O. 2,968 5,804 (96%) 6,675 (125%) 2002 enrollment Total 19,456 25,321 (30%) 28,109 (44%) U.S. RESIDENCIES (2013): **Residency Applications** 26,392 positions (PGY-1) and Positions 1952-2013 Applicant type matches 20,000 • 16,390 U.S. seniors 25,000 2,706 U.S. IMGs 20,000 3,601 Non-U.S. IMGs Total PGY-1 Positions 15,000 International medical school graduates (IMGs) and students who are U.S. citizens and non-U.S citizens apply to U.S. residencies Sources: Inglehart, John, The Residency Mismatch, New England Journal of Medicine, July 25, 2013 and National Resident Matching Program, Results and Data: 2013 Main Residency Match®, National Resident Matching Program, Washington, DC. 2013.

### Medicare Residency Funding Remains at 1996 Levels

#### **Traditional Funding**

- U.S. Federal government
  - Largest supporter of graduate medical education
  - Program examples:
    - \$9.5 billion in Medicare funds
      - Funding remains at 1996 levels
    - \$2 billion in Medicaid funds
    - Department of Veterans Affairs
    - · Department of Defense
- Individual States
  - 40 states paid \$3.8 billion through Medicaid programs in 2009
- 3. Private insurers
  - Insurer payments to teaching hospitals are typically higher than what they pay other hospitals

### Virginia Funding

- Medicaid provides funding to residencies
  - FY09 \$36 million in Direct and Indirect Medical Education funding to private hospitals
- Virginia provides general funds for family practice residencies and medical student programs
  - · 2013 allotments:
    - EVMS \$ 722,146
    - UVA \$1,349,795
    - VCU \$4,217,317

64% of physicians that completed VCU's Family Practice Residency programs will practice in Virginia

Sources: Health Affairs Policy Brief, Graduate Medical Education, August 16, 2012; Virginia Acts of Assembly Chapter 806, 2013 Session; Department of Medical Assistance Services report to JCHC, Enhancing Direct Medical Education and Indirect Medical Education Payments, August 30, 2011; and correspondence with representative from Virginia Department of Planning and Budget as well as Dr. Anton Kuzel, VCU Department of Family Medicine.

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# PPACA Residency Changes and Virginia Residency Enhancement

PPACA

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) encourages the development or expansion of teaching health centers - community-based, ambulatory, patient care centers that operate a primary care residency program.

 Examples: grants and provisions allowing providers to count teaching time toward their National Health Service Corps service requirement.

# New Activities

- Medical colleges are working with hospitals to develop new residencies.
   Examples include:
  - VCOM has collaborated with Lewis Gale Montgomery Regional Hospital (54 positions) and Danville Regional Health System (79 positions)
  - VCU and Patient First
    - Pilot to allow third-party payer reimbursement for 3<sup>rd</sup> year residents who work at Patient First sites, which may lead to hybrid private practice/residency program model.

Source: Congressional Research Service, Physician Supply and the Affordable Care Act, January 15, 2013 and email correspondence with representatives from Via College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Medical Society of Virginia.

## Geriatric and Team-Based Training Has Improved in Virginia

#### Virginia Geriatric Education Center

- VCU, UVA, and EVMS Collaboration
- Established in 2010
- Funded by \$2.1 million HRSA grant for 5 years

#### Goals

- Geriatric Faculty: Support training and retraining of faculty
- Students: Provide clinical training in geriatrics in diverse health care settings
- Active Practitioners: Support continuing education of health professionals who provide geriatric care
- Curricula: Develop, evaluate, and disseminate information relating to geriatric care

### **VCU Medical School Training**

- New requirement: Unfolding geriatric case of "Mattie Johnson", virtual patient
- 7-9 person teams composed of senior professional students in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and social work
- 11 week training
- Training platform allows for virtual collaboration
- Case focuses on 26 core geriatric competencies
- Measures individual and group performance, as well as collaborative behaviors

Sources: Virginia Center on Aging, Director's Editorial, Filling the Gap, Edward F. Ansello, Ph.D, Fall 2010 at <a href="http://www.sahp.vcu.edu/vcoa/editorials/pdfs/fall10.pdf">http://www.sahp.vcu.edu/vcoa/editorials/pdfs/fall10.pdf</a> and JCHC staff email correspondence with Dr. Peter Boling, VCU Medical School professor

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# RECENT IMPACTS AND STATE POLICIES

### Health Care Workforce Regulation, Coordination, and Information Efforts

- Department of Health Professions
  - Workforce Data Center
    - Surveys of many DHP professions including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and pharmacists.
  - HB 1535 (2011): Allow Boards of Medicine and Nursing to consider and accept relevant military training in lieu of education requirements
  - Military Credentials Review
- Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority
  - HB 1304 (2010): Facilitates "the development of a statewide health professions pipeline that identifies, educates, recruits, and retains a diverse, geographically distributed and culturally competent quality workforce"
  - In 2010, received a federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant of \$1.9 million

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### **Telemedicine**

- Telemedicine coverage is mandated for reimbursement in stateregulated private market
  - Senate Bill 675 (Wampler-2010): Requires insurers to reimburse for the cost of such health care services provided through telemedicine services.
- Virginia's Medicaid program reimburses statewide for telemedicine services since 2003.
- Certified Telemedicine Technologist training is being developed at New College Institute
  - Program begins in early 2014
  - 250 initial enrollment (estimate)
  - Training geared toward medical professionals, including doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians, and home health aides
  - Partially grant-funded by Virginia Workforce Health Development Authority.

Sources: Jeff Nelson, Reimbursement Panel, Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Summit on March 15, 2012 at <a href="http://matrc.org/docs/Thursday/Th ReimbursementPanel-Nelson.pdf">http://matrc.org/docs/Thursday/Th ReimbursementPanel-Nelson.pdf</a>. Martinsville Bulletin, NCI plans new telemedicine program, February 28, 2013, at <a href="http://www.martinsvillebulletin.com/article.cfm?id=36767">http://www.martinsvillebulletin.com/article.cfm?id=36767</a> and phone conversation with an academic affairs representative from New College Institute on August 23, 2013.

### **Federal-State Provider Placement Programs**

### Federal Virginia State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

- HRSA provides 1:1 match rate from state or community up to \$400,000
- Repayment provided to certain health care practitioners to serve in HPSA
- No currently dedicated State General Funds

#### **Conrad 30 J-1 Waiver Program**

- VDH can request a J-1 visa waiver for non-U.S. citizen IMG physicians who
  have completed their residency that agree to practice in an underserved area
  - o Maximum of 30 per year
  - Note: VDH also participates in the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) J-1 Visa Waiver Program, which can request additional J-1 visas waivers in a health care professional shortage areas.

Federal Fiscal Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Loan Repayment (SLRP)	16	7	0	6	1	5
Conrad J-1 Waiver	21	13	20	24	30	30

Source: Document provided to JCHC staff by representatives of the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Minority Health and Health Equity.

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# Legislative Changes on Collaborative Practice Allow for More Team-Based Care

	Nurse Practitioner	Physician Assistant	Pharmacist
# Practicing in Virginia	6,056	1,891	5,554
Legislation	HB 346 (O'Bannon-2012)	SB 106 (Edwards-2013)	HB 1501 (O'Bannon-2013)
Legislative Impact*	<ul> <li>Physician to NP ratio changed from 1:4 to 1:6</li> <li>No in-person requirement</li> </ul>	Physician to PA ratio changed from 1:2 to 1:6	Pharmacist may collaborate with NP or PA

<sup>\*</sup> See appendix for additional elements of legislation

Sources: Virginia Department of Health Professions, Healthcare Workforce Data Center Publications: Virginia's Physician Assistant Workforce: 2010-2011; March 2013: Virginia's Pharmacist Workforce: 2011, June 2011; and Virginia's Nurse Practitioner Workforce: 2011-2013, August 2013.

# Approved Physician-Related Options from the JCHC 2009 Workforce Pipelines Study

Approved Policy Options for "When State revenue allows"	
Restore funding for the Federal Virginia State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) & Virginia Loan Repayment Program (VLRP).	See Option 2
Increase funding for the UVA, VCU, and EVMS Family Practice Residency Programs.	See Option 4B
Increase Medicaid reimbursement rates to match the level of Medicare reimbursement rates for primary care physicians	PPACA increased rate in CY 2013 and CY2014
Fund a Continuing Medical Education course focusing on medication issues of geriatric patients and targeted for primary care physicians to take at no cost to them.	Virginia Geriatric Education Center provides such training

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# **POLICY OPTIONS**

### **Policy Options**

Option 1: Take no action.

**Option 2:** Introduce a budget amendment of \$400,000 GFs for the Federal Virginia State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) in order to:

- Restore funding to the maximum amount that is eligible for the 1:1 federal match rate
- Note: The SLRP eligibility is limited to physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants who are practicing/working in family medicine, internal medicine, geriatrics, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, or general psychiatry.

**Option 3:** Request, by letter of the JCHC Chair, the Department of Health Professions present to JCHC in 2014 regarding efforts to accept applicable military training and education toward credentialing and licensure requirements for certain selected professions. The presentation should include an update on the work of the Joint Task Force on Veterans Employment Outreach and the DHP review of health-related professions that is underway.

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**Option 4:** Request, by letter of the JCHC Chair, that the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority convene a workgroup to consider and report back to JCHC in 2015 regarding the advisability of, and if advisable, develop recommendations regarding:

- A. The need for a training program for graduate medical educators to teach residents requisite medical skills and ensure that medical residents in Virginia are adequately trained. If recommended, provide a training-program framework and funding requirements.
- B. A funding model for <u>new</u> State-supported family medicine residencies that could be used <u>if</u> the State increases appropriations for graduate medical education training. The model should include:
  - Consideration of whether funding would be used exclusively for resident training, where residencies would be located, and what the community or medical facility match-rates would be.
- C. The workgroup should include, at a minimum, representatives of:

Board of Medicine Medical schools located in Virginia Medical Society of Virginia Other relevant organizations Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics Virginia Community Health Center Association Virginia Department of Health Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association Virginia Rural Health Association

Note: Options 4 A and 4 B maybe approved individually or in combination

**Option 5:** Request, by letter of the JCHC Chair, that the Department of Health Professions convene a workgroup to consider and report back to JCHC in 2015 regarding the advisability of, and if advisable, the additional education or training requirements and next steps to:

- A. Establish a mid-level provider license and thereby define the requirements for individuals, who are licensed to practice medicine in another country, to be licensed to practice under the supervision of a physician licensed in Virginia.
- B. Establish a mid-level provider license and thereby define the requirements to allow medical school graduates who have not completed a residency to be licensed to practice under the supervision of a physician licensed in Virginia.
- C. The workgroup should include, at a minimum, representatives of:

Board of Medicine Medical schools located in Virginia Medical Society of Virginia Other relevant organizations Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics Virginia Community Health Center Association Virginia Department of Health Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association Virginia Rural Health Association

Note: Options 5A and 5B maybe approved individually or in combination.

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**Option 6:** Introduce legislation to amend Titles 32.1 (Health) and 54.1 (Professions and Occupations) of the *Code of Virginia* to allow certain providers working within an approved facility to be exempt from Virginia's scope of practice laws when established conditions have been met.

The providers, who would be eligible for scope of practice exemptions and therefore be allowed to perform activities that would otherwise require a license from the Boards of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, or Physical Therapy (hereafter referred to as "permitted providers") would include one or more of the following:

- A. Military-trained Personnel: Applies only to individuals performing activities substantially similar to health care training and experiences that they received in the military.
- B. Individuals Licensed in Other States: Applies only to individuals, licensed by a health professionals' regulatory body in another state, who perform activities within their level of training but will not perform activities that exceed those approved for a similarly-trained professional licensed in Virginia.
- C. Non-specific Grouping: Applies only to individuals that have the requisite education or training to perform the designated activities. Practice activities may be limited by the hospital or hospital governing body for individuals practicing under this exemption within its facility. Furthermore, additional limitations may be set by the provider's supervising physician through the practice agreement.

See next 2 slides for additional requirements in order for supervising physicians, permitted providers, and hospitals to participate.

### **Option 6: Additional Requirements**

#### Requirements of the supervising physician:

- To affirm that the permitted provider has the requisite education or training to perform the designated activities.
- To ensure that the permitted provider does not practice outside of the agreement limitations.
- To supervise no more than one permitted provider while supervising no more than two additional physician assistants or while participating in a collaborative practice agreement with no more than two nurse practitioners.
- To report to the State, any instance of a permitted provider performing an activity outside of the limitations allowed in the practice agreement.

### Permitted providers are not allowed to:

- Possess or administer Schedules 1-5 controlled substances.
- Engage in activities they are not adequately trained to perform.
- Engage in activities that are not documented within a practice agreement maintained by the Department of Health Professions.

Permitted providers are required to meet continuing education requirements.

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### **Option 6: Additional Requirements**

#### Requirements of the hospital or hospital's governing body:

- Must receive a new type of State facility license that provides for scope of practice exemptions for that specific hospital or hospital's governing body.
- Must ensure a practice agreement is in place and is adhered to by any
  permitted provider who will be performing activities that would otherwise
  require a professional license to practice in Virginia.
- Must obtain a criminal background check for each permitted provider.
- Must provide the Department of Health Professions with the practice agreement for each permitted provider.
- Must report to the State all instances of a permitted provider performing an activity outside of the limitations allowed in the practice agreement.
- Must notify patients of all permitted providers who are providing medical care at the facility.

### **Public Comment**

- Written public comments on the proposed options may be submitted to JCHC by close of business on October 8, 2013.
- Comments may be submitted via:

• E-mail: sreid@jchc.virginia.gov

• Fax: 804-786-5538

Mail: Joint Commission on Health Care

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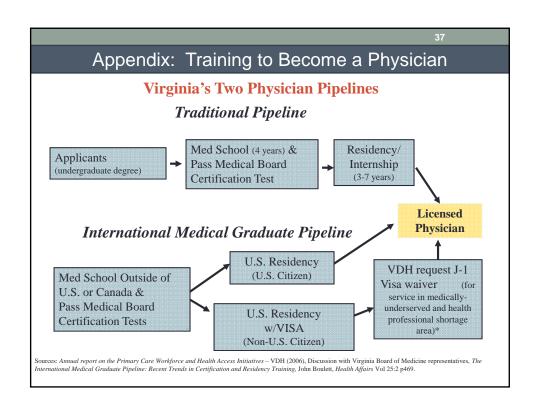
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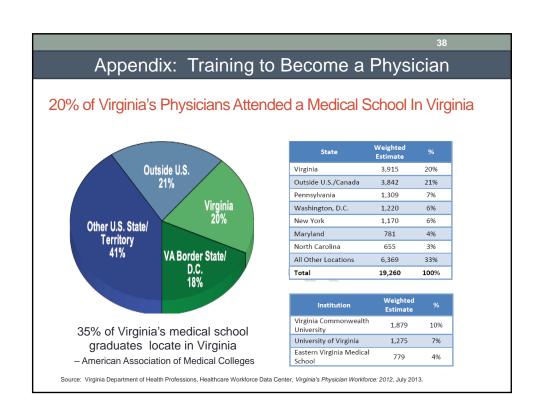
 Comments will be summarized and presented during JCHC's October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

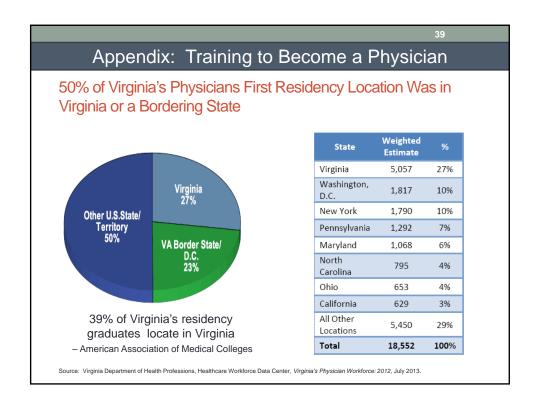
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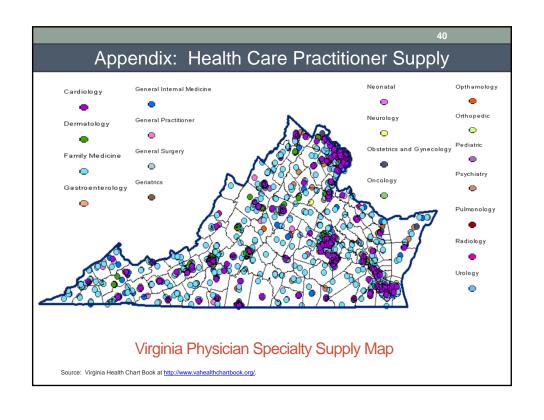
# **APPENDIX**

- Training to Become a Physician
- Health Care Practitioner Supply
- PPACA Health Care Insured Increases
- Health Care Practitioner Shortages
- Collaborative Practice Legislation
- Health Care Workforce Resources

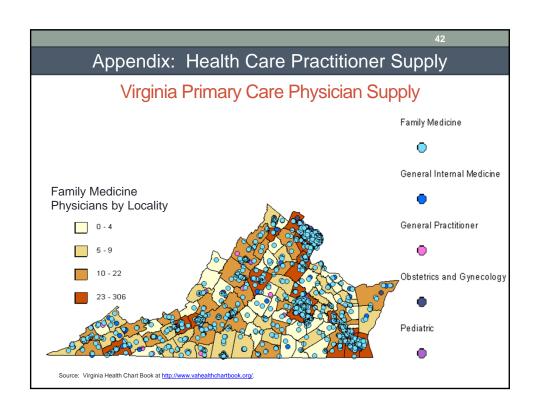


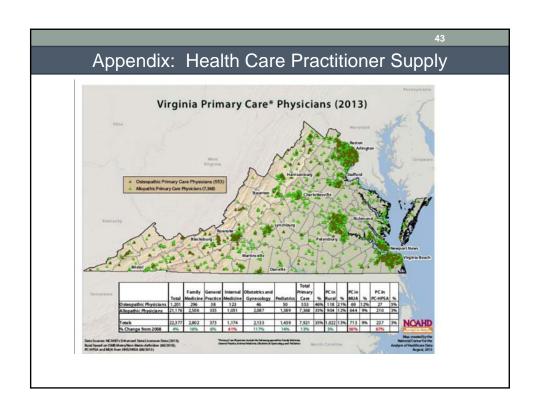


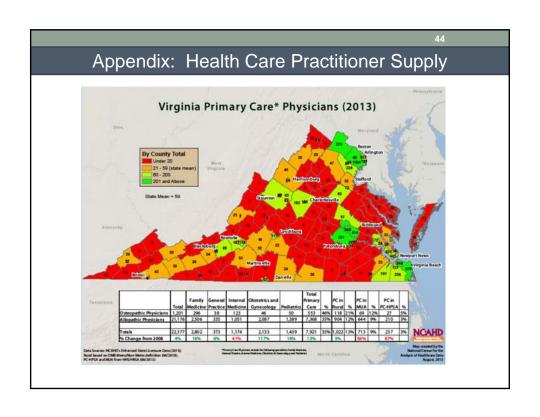


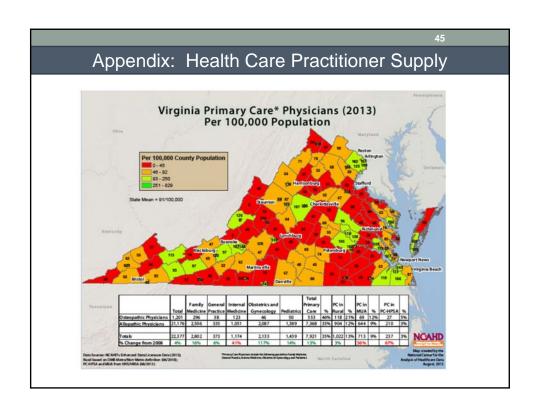


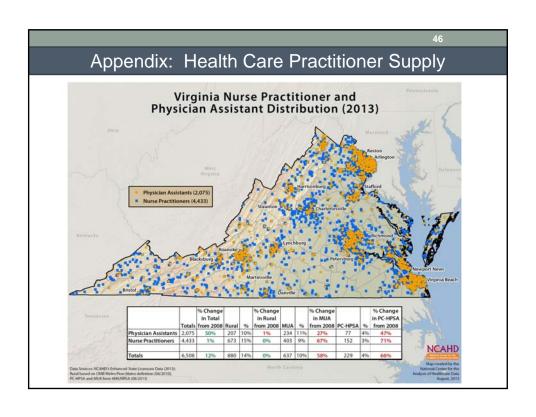
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	Cardiology	1011	6%
Supply	General Surgery	790	5%
Supply	Orthopedic	760	5%
Counts	Opthalmology	707	4%
Courts	Neurology	630	4%
By	Gastroenterology	534	3%
Specialty	Dermatology	374	2%
	Pulmonology	335	2%
	Urology	335	2%
	Oncology	286	2%
	Neonatal	140	1%
	General Practitioner	135	1%
	Geriatrics	99	1%
	Oral Surgery	15	0%
	Total	16385	100%

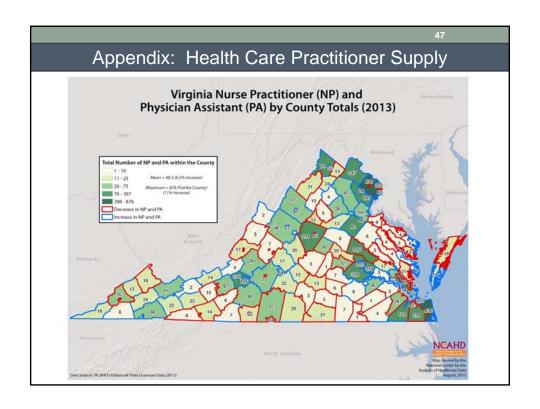












### Appendix: PPACA Health Care Insured Increases

### PPACA Impacts Commercially Insured and Medicaid Providers

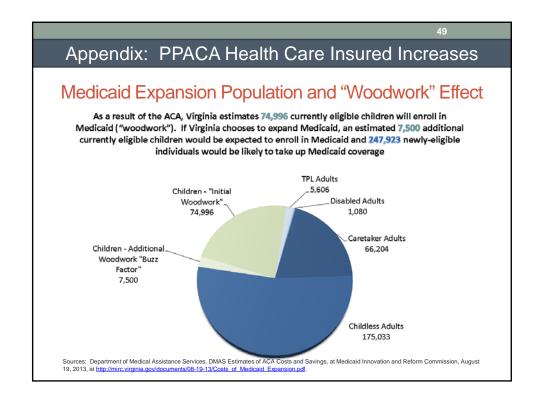
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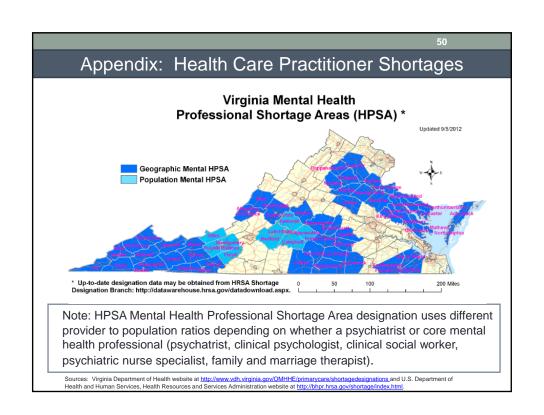
- Private-market newly-insured through Health Benefits Exchange
  - Estimated 775,000 eligible
- Potential Medicaid expansion
  - · Estimated 247,000 individuals if expansion occurs

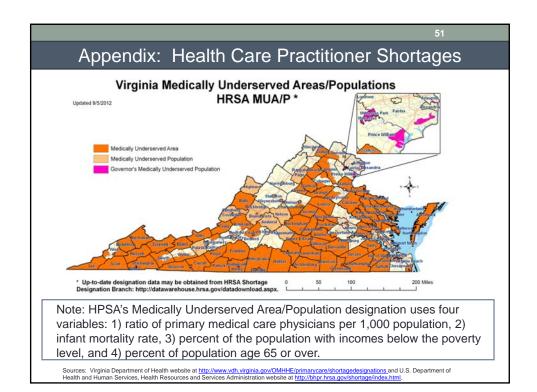
#### **Medicaid Providers**

- 61% of Virginia physicians participate in the Medicaid program
- 53% of Virginia physicians are accepting new Medicaid payments
- Medicaid primary care providers will receive a rate increase to Medicare rate level for calendar years 2013 and 2014

Sources: Department of Medical Assistance Services, DMAS Estimates of ACA Costs and Savings, at Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission, August 19, 2013, at <a href="http://mirc.virginia.gov/documents/08-19-13/Costs">http://mirc.virginia.gov/documents/08-19-13/Costs</a> of. Medicaid Expansion.pdf, Virginia Department of Health Professions, Healthcare Workforce Data Center, Virginia's Physician Workforce: 2012, July 2013, and Richmond Times Dispatch, Vo. OKs health plans for new exchange, Aug. 23, 2013 at <a href="http://www.timesdispatch.com/new/state-regional/va-oks-health-plans-for-new-exchange/article-154b3af4-fb3d-546b-b5f8-e35f37ba68ed.html">http://www.timesdispatch.com/new/state-regional/va-oks-health-plans-for-new-exchange/article-154b3af4-fb3d-546b-b5f8-e35f37ba68ed.html</a>.







### Appendix: Collaborative Practice Legislation

# HB 346 (2012) Nurse Practitioner Collaborative Practice Legislation

- "Patient Care Team Physician" means a physician who is actively licensed to
  practice medicine in the Commonwealth, who regularly practices medicine
  in the Commonwealth, and who provides management and leadership in the
  care of patients as part of patient care team
- No requirement for MD to regularly practice at the same location
- Collaboration and consultation may be via telemedicine
- Ratios increased from 4:1 to 6:1
- Periodic review of patient records, no requirements for site visits

### Appendix: Collaborative Practice Legislation

# HB 1501 (2013) Pharmacist Collaborative Practice Legislation

- Clarifies with whom pharmacist may enter into agreement (adds nurse practitioners, PAs, and physician's office)
- · Patient must notify prescriber to opt out
- Prescriber may elect for patient to not participate by contacting pharmacist or documenting on prescription
- · Clarifies agreement may be in writing or electronic
- Authorizes pharmacist to implement drug therapy following diagnosis by prescriber

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### Appendix: Health Care Workforce Resources

Virginia Atlas

http://www.atlasva.com/

Virginia Chartbook

http://www.vahealthchartbook.org/

- Department of Health Professions: Health Workforce Data Center
   <a href="http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/hwdc/default.htm">http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/hwdc/default.htm</a>
- Virginia Rural Health Resource Center <a href="http://www.vrhrc.org/">http://www.vrhrc.org/</a>
- National Center for the Analysis of Healthcare Data

http://www.ncahd.org/

### Appendix: Health Care Workforce Resources

### DHP Healthcare Workforce Data Center Current Surveys

- Assisted Living Facility Administrators
- Audiologists
- Certified Nurse Aides
- Clinical Psychologists
- Dental Hygienists
- Dentists
- Doctors of Osteopathy
- · Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Practical Nurses
- · Licensed Professional Counselors

- Medical Doctors
- Nurse Practitioners
- Nursing Home Administrators
- Pharmacists
- Pharmacy Technicians
- Physical Therapists
- Physical Therapy Assistants
- Physician Assistants
- Registered Nurses
- Speech-Language Pathologists