



JCHC Executive Subcommittee Meeting

October 23, 2024

Agenda

Review of proposed study topics for 2025

Selection of study priorities for 2025

JCHC study selection process

September	JCHC members propose topics of interest for potential study in the upcoming year	✓
October	Executive subcommittee selects top priorities from the list of proposed study topics	
November	JCHC members review priority topics selected by the Executive Subcommittee	
December	JCHC members review and vote to approve study resolutions for the selected study topics	

Purpose of the JCHC guides study topic selection process

“The purpose of the Commission is to study, report and make recommendations on all areas of health care provision, regulation, insurance, liability, licensing, and delivery of services.”

“Commission shall endeavor to ensure that the Commonwealth as provider, financier, and regulator adopts the most cost-effective and efficacious means of delivery of health care services so that the greatest number of Virginians receive quality health care.”

- Code of Virginia; § 30-168

Strategic objectives provide framework for evaluating proposed study topics



“The Commission shall encourage the development of uniform policies and services to ensure the availability of quality, affordable and accessible health services.”

- Code of Virginia; § 30-168

Goals for the Executive Subcommittee

- Review proposed study topics for 2025
- Clarify the scope and focus of proposed study topics where necessary
- Determine if any topics should be added for consideration
- Select study priorities for 2025

Comprehensive staff study of one topic must be completed in 2025

Policy solutions to the Commonwealth's fentanyl crisis

- Mandatory study required by HJ 41 (Srinivasan), approved by the General Assembly during the 2024 Session
- Study resolution directs the JCHC to complete work by November 1, 2025

Topics raised for consideration

Strategic Objectives

Study topic	Affordability	Accessibility	Quality	Equity
1. Medicaid program eligibility criteria and options to eliminate Medicaid benefits cliffs		✓		✓
2. Strategies to address transportation-related barriers to health care		✓		✓
3. Strategies to address pharmacy deserts		✓		✓
4. Services for individuals with traumatic brain injury	✓	✓	✓	✓

Topics raised for consideration (cont'd)

Strategic Objectives

Study topic	Affordability	Accessibility	Quality	Equity
5. Strategies to improve health literacy		✓	✓	✓
6. Access to Medicaid personal care services		✓		✓
7. Options for design of a food and nutrition Medicaid benefit to address nutrition-related chronic disease and food insecurity	✓	✓		✓

Two topics may be more appropriate for presentations or referral

- Feasibility of implementing an online initiative to connect youth with qualified behavioral health providers
- School-based initiatives to improve digital literacy and awareness of the impact of social media on youth mental health

Medicaid eligibility criteria and options to eliminate Medicaid benefits cliffs

Study objectives:

- Describe program-specific eligibility requirements across eligibility categories
- Determine the extent to which individuals move between eligibility categories
- Describe the events that trigger transitions between eligibility categories
- Identify strategies to reduce the negative impact of events that trigger transition between eligibility categories on access to services

Workload	Affordability	Accessibility	Quality	Equity
HIGH		✓		✓

Strategies to address transportation-related barriers to health care

Study objectives:

- Determine the type and prevalence of transportation-related barriers that patients experience in Virginia, and which populations are most affected
- Describe the effectiveness of interventions that address transportation-related barriers
- Identify strategies to improve or expand programs in Virginia to address transportation-related barriers to accessing care

Workload	Affordability	Accessibility	Quality	Equity
HIGH		✓		✓

Strategies to address pharmacy deserts

Study objectives:

- Determine how community access to pharmacies has changed in Virginia over time, and what populations have been most impacted
- Identify the factors that contribute to pharmacy deserts
- Describe effective strategies implemented in other states to improve access to pharmacy services
- Identify strategies Virginia could implement to address pharmacy deserts

Workload	Affordability	Accessibility	Quality	Equity
HIGH		✓		✓

Services for individuals with traumatic brain injury

Study issues:

- Describe services currently available for individuals with TBI in Virginia and identify the number of individuals served by those services
- Describe challenges, barriers, or gaps in Virginia’s continuum of services for individuals with TBI
- Identify strategies Virginia could implement to address gaps in the continuum of services for individuals with TBI

Workload	Affordability	Accessibility	Quality	Equity
HIGH	✓	✓	✓	✓

Strategies to improve health literacy

Study issues:

- Identify the factors that contribute to low health literacy and the populations in Virginia most at risk for low health literacy
- Describe interventions to improve health literacy at the individual- and community-level
- Identify strategies Virginia could implement to improve health literacy among populations at risk for low literacy

Workload	Affordability	Accessibility	Quality	Equity
HIGH		✓	✓	✓

Access to Medicaid personal care services

Study issues:

- Describe the personal care services workforce in Virginia and how the availability of personal care attendants has changed over time
- Identify factors contributing to shortages in personal care services for Medicaid members in Virginia
- Determine policy strategies Virginia could implement to improve access to personal care services for Medicaid members

Workload	Affordability	Accessibility	Quality	Equity
HIGH		✓		✓

Options for design of a food and nutrition Medicaid benefit

Study issues:

- Identify options to implement a Medicaid food and nutrition benefit to reduce nutrition-related chronic disease and food insecurity
- Determine how other states have designed similar benefits
- Define the costs, benefits, and return on investment of Medicaid food and nutrition benefits
- Identify options for design a Medicaid food and nutrition benefit to reduce nutrition-related chronic disease and food insecurity in Virginia

Workload	Affordability	Accessibility	Quality	Equity
HIGH	✓	✓		✓

Other proposed additions to JCHC annual workplan

- Review of past recommendations
 - Determine outcome of options adopted by the GA
 - Identify options not adopted by the GA for reconsideration
- Annual update on selected health care metrics related to JCHC strategic objectives

GA = General Assembly

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Discussion and Voting



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