



JCHC Executive Subcommittee

May 21, 2025

Agenda

Overview of the 2025 work plan

Overview of new topics referred or requested

Vote on changes to the 2025 work plan

Three comprehensive staff studies will be completed in 2025

Study Title	Background Briefing	Report & Final Briefing
Policy Solutions to the Commonwealth's Fentanyl Crisis	May 2025	September 2025
Access to Pharmacy Services in Virginia	June 2025	October 2025
Strategies to Address Transportation-Related Barriers to Health Care	June 2025	October 2025

Chapter 268 adds duty to study proposed health insurance mandates

- Chapter 268 (HB 2372, Sickles) transfers from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to the JCHC the duty to:
 - Assess social and economic costs and benefits of proposed mandated health insurance benefits or mandated providers upon request of the Health Insurance Reform Commission
 - Report the results of such assessment to the Health Insurance Reform Commission

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One topic will be incorporated into an ongoing comprehensive staff study

- House Bill 2023 (Anthony) directed the Department of Health to establish the Independent Pharmacy Support Program to assist certain independent pharmacies
- Topic will be incorporated into the comprehensive staff study of access to pharmacy services in Virginia
 - Report and final briefing expected October 2025

Three topics could be appropriate for targeted studies in 2025

- Targeted studies are narrowly tailored to address a specific policy question within existing staff resources
- Targeted studies may include policy options to address the policy question examined

Barriers to licensure as an assisted living facility administrator (HB 1978)

A targeted study could:

- Describe the assisted living facility (ALF) administrator workforce in Virginia
- Describe barriers to licensure as an ALF administrator with a focus on barriers related to examination requirements
- Provide policy options for addressing barriers to licensure as an ALF administrator in Virginia

Implementation of a Medicaid ILOS food and nutrition benefit in Virginia

A targeted study could:

- Describe the specified populations and the value of a food and nutrition benefit for such populations
- Describe how other states have implemented Medicaid food and nutrition benefits for specified populations
- Provide policy options for an ILOS food and nutrition benefit for specified populations in Virginia

ILOS = in lieu of services

Strategies for legislative oversight of Medicaid program spending

A targeted study could:

- Describe past efforts to establish legislative oversight of Medicaid program spending in Virginia
- Describe strategies for legislative oversight of Medicaid program spending adopted in other states
- Provide policy options for establishing legislative oversight of Medicaid program spending in Virginia

Information briefs could be provided for four topics

- Four topics referred for inclusion on the 2025 workplan would require comprehensive staff studies to develop policy options
- Information briefs completed in 2025 could
 - Provide background information to contextualize a policy topic
 - Describe evidence of and information about a policy problem
 - Propose specific policy questions for additional study

Managing spending in Virginia's Medicaid program

- A comprehensive study would be necessary to identify specific strategies to manage spending in Virginia's Medicaid program
- An information brief could:
 - Describe current Medicaid program spending in Virginia and changes in spending over time
 - Provide context to understand Virginia's Medicaid spending

Assessing the adequacy of Medicaid program outcome measures

- A comprehensive study would be necessary to assess current Medicaid program outcome measures and provide options for changes to such measures
- An information brief could:
 - Describe measures currently used to assess outcomes of Virginia's Medicaid program
 - Provide information about the results of measures currently used to monitor Medicaid program outcomes in Virginia

Monitoring reinvestment of 340B program savings in Virginia

- A comprehensive study would be required to develop policy options to monitor reinvestment of 340B Drug Pricing Program savings in Virginia
- An information brief could:
 - Describe the 340B Drug Pricing Program
 - Provide information about implementation of the 340B Drug Pricing Program in Virginia
 - Describe other states' efforts to monitor reinvestment of 340B program savings

Evaluating the quality of care provided by nursing facilities in Virginia

- A comprehensive study would be necessary to evaluate the quality of care provided by nursing facilities in Virginia and provide options for improving the quality of such care
- An information brief could:
 - Describe current oversight of nursing facilities in Virginia
 - Describe current efforts to measure the quality of care provided by nursing facilities in Virginia

JCHC staff has capacity to add no more than two additional projects in 2025

- Existing staff resources allow for the addition of no more than two additional projects in 2025
 - One project is equivalent to one targeted study or one information brief
 - Projects added to the 2025 work plan will be briefed at the December meeting
- Projects not added to the 2025 work plan may be carried over for consideration for the 2026 work plan

Questions & Discussion

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Newly referred and requested topics

#	Project Type	Project Topic
1	Targeted Study	Barriers to licensure as an ALF administrator (HB 1978)
2	Targeted Study	Implementation of a Medicaid ILOS food and nutrition benefit in Virginia
3	Targeted Study	Strategies for legislative oversight of Virginia's Medicaid program
4	Information Brief	Managing spending in Virginia's Medicaid program
5	Information Brief	Assessing the adequacy of Medicaid program outcome measures
6	Information Brief	Monitoring reinvestment of 340B program savings in Virginia
7	Information Brief	Evaluating the quality of care provided by nursing facilities in Virginia

Vote:

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