



JCHC Executive Subcommittee Meeting

October 22, 2025

Agenda

Overview of JCHC work products and work planning process

Review of proposed topics for 2026

Selection of priority projects for 2026

Purpose of the JCHC guides the work planning 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

JCHC staff can provide various types of work products

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

JCHC members add items to the work plan twice each year

September	JCHC members identify topics of interest for the upcoming year
October	Executive Subcommittee selects priority topics and recommends project types Priority topics and recommended project types are presented to Commission members at the JCHC meeting
November/December	JCHC members vote to select top priority projects for inclusion on the preliminary work plan for the next year
April/May	Executive Committee reviews new topics referred to the JCHC, selects priority topics for the remainder of the year, and recommends project types Priority topics and recommended project types are presented to Commission members at the JCHC meeting and members vote to select top priority projects for inclusion on the final work plan for the year

Goals for the Executive Subcommittee

- Review health policy topics proposed for the 2026 work plan
- Select priority health policy topics for the 2026 workplan
 - Recommend project types for each health policy topic selected

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Most topics could be information briefs or comprehensive studies

- Information briefs
 - Explain the policy problem and contributing conditions
 - Allow members to select policy priorities for targeted development of policy options
 - Provide flexibility to accommodate changing policy priorities
- Comprehensive studies
 - Include policy options but afford less opportunity for members to identify priority areas for policy option development
 - Require more time to complete and provide less flexibility

Disparities in health care access and outcomes in rural communities

- **Option 1:** Describe conditions contributing to disparities in health care access and outcomes in rural communities and federal and other states' strategies to address disparities.
- **Option 2:** Describe the financial condition of rural hospitals, the conditions that contribute to financial challenges affecting rural hospitals, and federal and other states' efforts to address the conditions that contribute to financial challenges affecting rural hospitals.

Quality and oversight of long-term care services and facilities in Virginia

- **Option 3:** Describe state oversight of NFs, how Virginia measures and monitors quality of care provided by NFs, and federal requirements for NF oversight and monitoring NF quality of care.
- **Option 4:** Describe Virginia's Medicaid NF Value Based Purchasing Program, including program criteria and data sharing between state agencies, and similar programs in other states.
- **Option 5:** Describe how Virginia establishes Medicaid NF reimbursement rates and examine the sufficiency of current rates.

NF = nursing facility

Quality and oversight of long-term care services and facilities in Virginia, cont'd

- **Option 6:** Describe the role of ALFs in the continuum of LTC facilities and services, including applicable regulatory requirements; trends in the demand for, availability of, and access to ALFs; and other states' approaches to regulation of ALFs.
- **Option 7:** Describe the role of CCRCs in the continuum of LTC facilities and services, including applicable regulatory requirements; trends in demand for, availability of, and access to CCRCs; and other states' approaches to regulation of CCRCs.

ALF = assisted living facility, CCRC = continuing care retirement community, LTC = long-term care

Opportunities for improving Virginia's Medicaid program

- **Option 8:** Describe the alignment of financial eligibility criteria for Virginia's ABD Medicaid program with federal flexibilities.
- **Option 9:** Describe the effectiveness of Virginia's Medicaid managed care program, including trends in health outcomes and the cost of care for Medicaid managed care members.

ABD = Aged, Blind, and Disabled

Other proposed topics for 2026

- **Option 10:** Describe the public health impacts of e-cigarette use and e-cigarette retailers, including applicable regulatory requirements, types of products sold by retailers, and trends in the number and location of retailers.
- **Option 11:** Describe the impact of health care providers' transition to self-pay models on access to health care.

Four topics could be appropriate for targeted information briefs

- Targeted briefs could explain recent policy changes and provide context for potential impacts of implementation in Virginia
- Scope may be limited by lack of available data and information about impacts due to implementation timelines

Four topics could be appropriate for targeted information briefs, cont'd

Targeted briefs could provide information about :

- **Targeted Option 1:** Impact of Medicaid program changes affecting eligibility of parents on children's health insurance coverage
- **Targeted Option 2:** Impact of federal policy changes on health insurance coverage and health outcomes
- **Targeted Option 3:** Impact of reductions to and changes in HIV/AIDS prevention program funding on public health and individual health outcomes
- **Targeted Option 4:** Legal and regulatory requirements for delivery of health services to non-tribe members by tribal health providers

JCHC staff can take on a limited number of projects in the first half of 2026

- Existing staff resources can accommodate no more than three information briefs or comprehensive studies
 - Information briefs will be completed in the spring, creating additional capacity to take on new projects
 - Comprehensive studies will be completed in the fall, resulting in very limited capacity to take on new projects in the spring
- JCHC staff can complete 2-3 targeted briefs in addition to information briefs or comprehensive studies
 - Targeted information briefs could be completed in the spring and summer as staff capacity allows

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Discussion and Voting



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