



POLICY OPTIONS IN BRIEF

Option: Provide funding to Families Forward Virginia to collect necessary evidence to meet federal home visiting standards (Option 9, pg. 44).

Option: Direct DMAS to convene with stakeholders to develop a home visiting benefit (Option 10, pg. 45)

Extending Health Care Access: Home Visiting

FINDINGS IN BRIEF

Home visiting programs are supported through a combination of funding streams

The capacity and sustainability of home visiting programs in Virginia is directly related to available funding and resources directed towards these efforts. In Virginia, as in other states, home visiting programs are supported by a mix of federal, state, local, and private funds. In FY 2024, overall investment in local home visiting services in Virginia totaled \$36 million. The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is the largest source of federal funding. There are certain requirements that need to be met to be eligible for federal funding. If more of Virginia's home visiting programs meet these requirements, it is possible more of this funding could be extended to other home visiting models.

Virginia could leverage Medicaid funding to enhance capacity of home visiting services

Since there is no single service under the Medicaid program defined as home visiting, federal guidance gives states the option to create state plan amendments under several other state plan benefit categories that cover services provided through home visiting programs. At least 28 states offered a home visiting benefit through their state Medicaid programs, most of which do through a Medicaid state plan amendment.