

Overview of 2025 Workplan Items - Previously Approved & Newly Referred

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WORKPLAN ITEMS

At the December 17, 2024, meeting, JCHC members approved **three comprehensive staff studies** for inclusion on the 2025 workplan. Work on these studies is already underway. Background briefings are scheduled for early summer and final reports on the studies are scheduled for fall.

> Policy Solutions to the Commonwealth's Fentanyl Crisis

Expected completion: September 2025

Strategies to Address Pharmacy Deserts

Expected completion: October 2025

Strategies to Address Transportation-Related Barriers to Health Care

Expected completion: October 2025

NEWLY REFERRED AND REQUESTED WORKPLAN OPTIONS

Eight additional potential workplan items were referred to the JCHC during the 2025 Session or requested by JCHC members for consideration for inclusion on the 2025 work plan.

One item will be **incorporated into an ongoing comprehensive staff study** of access to pharmacy services in Virginia:

Independent Pharmacy Support Program

Expected completion: October 2025

Three items may be appropriate for targeted staff studies in 2025:

Licensure of Assisted Living Facility Administrators

Expected completion: December 2025

Preliminary study objectives:

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

Implementation of a Medicaid ILOS Food and Nutrition Benefit for Pregnant and Postpartum Women and Individuals Living with Diabetes

Expected completion: December 2025

Preliminary study objectives:

- Describe the population of pregnant and postpartum women and individuals with living diabetes who
 may be eligible for a Medicaid food and nutrition benefit in Virginia and the value of a food and
 nutrition benefit for such populations,
- Describe how other states have implemented Medicaid food and nutrition benefits for pregnant and postpartum women and individuals living with diabetes, and
- Provide policy options for implementation of a Medicaid "in lieu of services" food and nutrition benefit for pregnant and postpartum women and individuals living with diabetes in Virginia.

Strategies for Legislative Oversight of Medicaid Program Spending

Expected completion: December 2025

Preliminary study objectives:

- Describe past efforts to establish legislative oversight of Medicaid program spending in Virginia,
- Describe strategies for legislative oversight of Medicaid program spending adopted by other states' legislatures, and
- Provide policy options for establishing legislative oversight of Medicaid program spending in Virginia.

Four items would require comprehensive staff studies to provide policy options; however, **information briefs** could be completed in 2025 to provide background information on the topic and identify specific issues for further study.

Managing Spending in Virginia's Medicaid Program

Expected completion: December 2025

<u>Preliminary objective</u>: Describe current Medicaid program spending and provide context to understand changes in Medicaid program spending.

> Assessing the Adequacy of Medicaid Program Outcomes in Virginia's Medicaid Program

Expected completion: December 2025

<u>Preliminary objective</u>: Describe measures currently used to assess outcomes of Virginia's Medicaid program and provide information about the results of those measures.

Monitoring Reinvestment of 340B Drug Pricing Program Savings

Expected completion: December 2025

<u>Preliminary objective</u>: Describe the 340B Drug Pricing Program, provide information about the implementation of the Program in Virginia, and describe other states' efforts to monitor reinvestment of 340B Drug Pricing Program savings.

Evaluating the Quality of Care in Virginia's Nursing Facilities

Expected completion: December 2025

<u>Preliminary objective</u>: Describe current oversight of nursing facilities in Virginia and describe current efforts to measure the quality of care provided by facilities in Virginia.