



2025 General Assembly Session Review

Twenty-four JCHC recommendations were introduced in the 2025 Session

- JCHC staff completed four studies in 2024:
 - *Performance of Health Care Workforce Programs*
 - *Strategies to Expand Health Care Access to Vulnerable Populations*
 - *Expanding Access to Sickle Cell Disease Treatment in Virginia*
 - *Strategies to Strengthen the Anesthesia Workforce in Virginia*
- Studies resulted in 13 bills and 11 budget amendments introduced during the 2025 General Assembly Session

Eight JCHC recommended bills were enacted in 2025

Bill	Patron	Description	Study
SB 842	Favola	Mobile health clinics; DHCD to include broadband access services for clinics.	EHCA
SB 843	Favola	Remote patient monitoring; patients with chronic conditions, report.	EHCA
SB 981	Hashmi	Certified community health workers; VDH shall evaluate status of workers; report.	EHCA
SB 1037 HB 1945	Pekarsky Reaser	School boards; school-based telehealth and mental health teletherapy services; accessibility.	EHCA
SB 1038	Pekarsky	Telehealth visits for patients with disabilities; best practice educational training .	EHCA
SB 1039	Pekarsky	DOC and State Board of Local and Regional Jails; policies on inmate participation in telehealth.	EHCA
SB 882	Locke	Anesthesiologist assistants; establishes criteria for licensure.	CRNA

DHCD = Department of Housing and Community Development; DOC = Department of Corrections; VDH = Virginia Department of Health

Five JCHC recommended bills were introduced in 2025 but not enacted

Bill	Patron	Description	Study
SB 841	Favola	Opioid treatment programs; dispensing medications from mobile units.	EHCA
SB 980	Hashmi	Certified community health workers; state plan amendment to provide reimbursement for services.	EHCA
HB 1647	Hayes	Board of Medicine; licensure of anesthesiologist assistants.	CRNA
HB 1675	Hayes	Board of Medicine; continuing education; unconscious bias and cultural competency.	SCD
HB 2757	Mundon King	Sickle cell disease; feasibility of Medicaid benefit and Medicaid Health Homes; report.	SCD

Eleven JCHC budget amendments were introduced in 2025 but not adopted

Item #	Patron	Description	Amount	Study
278 #1s	Hashmi	Additional funding for community health workers	\$2.5 million	EHCA
279 #5h	Willett	Virginia Telehealth Network feasibility study on Pharmacy Care Hubs	\$150,000	EHCA
279 #8s	Pillion	Families Forward Virginia for CHIP of Virginia	\$2.2 million	EHCA
279 #11h	Willett	Families Forward Virginia evidence- based research trial of CHIP of Virginia	\$4.5 million	EHCA
292 #3s	Favola	Medicaid home visiting benefit workgroup	\$500,000	EHCA
292 #11s	Favola	Remote patient monitoring extension plan and cost	\$200,000	EHCA

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Item #	Patron	Description	Amount	Study
292 #12s	Favola	Reimbursement for community paramedicine services	\$100,000	EHCA
292 #14s	Hashmi	Plan to reimburse services provided by community health workers	\$200,000	EHCA
297 #7s	Favola	Virginia Telemental Health Initiative	\$482,000	EHCA
279 #3h	Willett	Virginia Healthcare Workforce Development Authority Study of anesthesiology residency program and CRNA training	\$136,000	CRNA
20 #2h	Willett	Joint Commission on Health Care; increase staffing	\$175,000	N/A

CRNA = certified registered nurse anesthetist

General Assembly added 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 the 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 assessments to the Health Insurance Reform Commission

General Assembly created commission to study women's health

Chapters 580 (SB 1120, Lucas) and 572 (HB 2617, Mundon King) direct the Commission on Women's Health to study and propose recommendations on issues including:

- Maternal health care, mental health care, reproductive health care, chronic conditions, and health outcomes
- Intersection of social determinants of health and the impact on women's health outcomes
- Systematic barriers to equitable health care for women

Questions & Discussion