



Summer Advocacy Meeting 7.15.25

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Agenda

- ❖ Welcome & Introductions Via Chat
- ❖ Federal Updates
- ❖ State Updates
- ❖ Up Next
- ❖ Q & A

Federal Updates



2025 Reconciliation Bill ***AKA the “One Big Beautiful Bill”***

Approximately \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid

- 6-month eligibility checks (begin no later than 12/31/2026)
- Removes Medicaid eligibility for legally residing immigrants such as refugees & asylees (by 10/1/26)
- Work requirements (begins by 12/31/28)
- Restricting provider taxes (begins 2028)
- New co-pay requirements (by 10/1/28)

Changes to Affordable Care Act (ACA) Plans

- Ends auto-enrollment (begins 2028)
- Sign-up season is shortened (for 2027 plan year)
- Enhanced tax credits expire at the end of 2025

\$186 billion in cuts to SNAP (food stamps)

- Cost shift to states & adds work requirements (by 10/1/27)

Virginia Impact:

- Estimated that over 300,000 Virginians could lose health coverage: 166,000 from Medicaid; 136,000 due to ACA changes
- Estimated that over 100,000 Virginians could lose SNAP benefits

Federal Updates

PRIORITIES:

H.R. 2048 - The Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act

Eliminates the arbitrary waiting periods for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits (5 months) and Medicare coverage (24 months) for those with metastatic breast cancer.

As of July, the bill has 113 bipartisan co-sponsors, including 3 Virginia Representatives: McClellan (VA-4th), Subramanyam (VA-10th), and Vindman (VA-7th)

DOD Breast Cancer Research Program FY26 funding

211 legislators signed on to the Congressional "*Dear Colleague*" letter in support of the \$150 million in FY26 appropriations for the program, including 6 Virginia Representatives: Beyer (VA-8th), Connolly (VA-11th), Kiggans (VA-2nd), McClellan (VA-4th), Scott (VA-3rd), and Subramanyam (VA-10th).

The Defense FY26 Appropriations bill is being considered this summer.

Federal Updates

Other Federal Bills:

- ❖ **SCREENS for Cancer Act H.R. 2381/ S.1866:** Reauthorizes the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) for five years (FY2026-FY2030) at \$235 million per year. The NBCCEDP provides free breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services for women who are low-income, uninsured, and who do not qualify for Medicaid. Virginia's free screening program, Every Woman's Life (EWL), is supported almost entirely by NBCCEDP funding. **VA Co-Sponsors: McClellan; Connolly**
- ❖ **Access to Breast Cancer Diagnosis (ABCD) Act S. 1500:** Prohibits health insurance plans from imposing cost-sharing requirements for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations. This bill is essentially a national version of the bill Virginia passed during the 2025 General Assembly Session.
- ❖ **Find it Early Act S. 1410:** This bill is similar to the ABCD Act. However, it requires that health insurance plans cover screening and diagnostic breast imaging with no out-of-pockets costs specifically for women with dense breasts or who are at higher risk for breast cancer.

State Updates

Every Woman's Life (EWL)



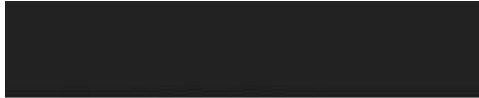
Since 1997, the **Virginia Department of Health's Every Woman's Life Program (EWL)** has provided more than 220,000 free breast and cervical screening and diagnostic services to low-income and uninsured Virginians.

The program is a result of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) and is administered through the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

- Last year, over 6,300 women in Virginia were served through EWL:
 - 62 diagnosed breast cancer
 - 85 diagnosed cervical pre- cancer or cancer
- Services provided by EWL include a clinical breast exam, mammogram, pelvic exam, Pap test, HPV test, and any diagnostics needed to reach a final diagnosis.
- EWL providers range from local health departments, large health systems, free clinics, and federally qualified health centers

State Updates

Every Woman's Life (EWL)



EWL in Jeopardy

- Recent funding uncertainty for Virginia's FY2026 (*started 7/1/25*)
- The President's FY26 proposed federal budget eliminates funding for CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention, which includes:
 - VA Cancer Registry
 - Every Woman's Life
 - VA Comprehensive Cancer Control funding



Up Next

- ❖ **August Recess:** Meetings with federal legislators in their districts
(VBCF will organize and reach out to advocates to join)
- ❖ **FY26 Federal Budget appropriations:** NIH funding cut by 40%; CDC funding cut by 50%
(Look for Action Alerts from VBCF)
- ❖ **Summer meetings with state officials** and key state legislators to prepare for the 2026 General Assembly Session.
(VBCF will organize and reach out to advocates to join when appropriate)

Other Information to Share



State

- **Upcoming Elections in Virginia:**
 - **September 9th** election to replace Rep. Connolly
 - **November 4th** election for Governor; Lt. Gov, Attorney General; House of Delegates
 - Get Involved: volunteer for a campaign, VOTE!!
- **2026 is a budget year for the Commonwealth:**
 - Biennial budget will be the main focus of the 2026 General Assembly session
 - Everyone vying for a piece of 'rainy day' fund
 - Governor Youngkin will issue his budget on the way out of office in December
- **Possible September Special session** to address loss of federal funding in various areas?

National

- [NBCC Public Policy Academy](#)

Questions?



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