

VDC - ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Chair – Becky Bowers-Lanier



VDC ADVOCACY THROUGH COALITION PARTICIPATION

- Healthcare for All Virginians
 - Over 100 organizations
 - Prevent cuts to existing programs
 - Seek improvement in programs
 - Add dental benefits for Medicaid adults
 - End restrictions to Medicaid access for legal permanent residents
 - Improve maternal health through doula/midwifery services and home visiting programs
 - Support state-based insurance marketplace
- Healthy Market Virginia
 - Oppose insurance plans that limit access to pre-existing conditions
 - Association health plans
 - Short-term, limited duration plans
 - Support bills to create a state-based marketplace to lower insurance out-of-pocket costs
 - Support bills to create a Virginia Reinsurance plan to fortify plans covering high-cost treatments for rare and chronic conditions

WHY BELONG TO COALITIONS?

- Power in numbers
 - Individual organizations pool resources
 - Speak with one voice around an issue or issues of concern
- Enhanced relationships among the members
 - May lead to improved communications and other opportunities for collaboration in the future

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BIG DOGS**

Bills	Committee	Last action	Date
HB 66 - Carter - Health insurance; cost-sharing payments for prescription insulin drugs.	(H) Committee on Labor and Commerce	(H) Read first time	01/30/20
<p>notes: This bill is being read on the floor of the House, having been reported out of the House Committee on Labor and Commerce. Three readings are necessary as the bill works its way to the Senate for deliberation. It's on a good path.</p>			
HB 645 - Price - Health insurance; coverage for diabetes.	(H) Committee on Labor and Commerce	(H) Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 0-N)	01/23/20
<p>notes: This looks like a good bill because it adds more specificity to our previous bill - actually stating the number of educational visits. I don't know Delegate Price but I think it would be good to let her know about the VDC and how we could assist her in supporting this bill. Also, it would be good to find out her how she got interested in this and who is also behind assisting her in sponsorship of this bill.</p>			
HB 876 - Subramanyam - Prescription drugs; price transparency.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2021	01/30/20
<p>notes: This bill will be reconsidered in the 2021 General Assembly session. It's effectively dead for this year's session.</p>			
HB 1141 - Tran - Health benefit plans; preexisting conditions.	(H) Committee on Labor and Commerce	(H) Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (11-Y 8-N)	01/30/20
<p>notes: This is a good bill because it would eliminate preexisting conditions as a means for insurers to deny coverage. Very important for diabetes.</p>			
HB 1426 - Roem - School boards; school meals, availability to students.	(H) Committee on Education	(H) Subcommittee recommends referring to Committee on Appropriations	01/29/20
<p>notes: Requires each school board to require each public elementary and secondary school in the local school division to participate in the federal National School Lunch Program and the federal School Breakfast Program. Very important to prevent diabetes and to improve access to nutritious meals for children with diabetes.</p>			
HB 1428 - Sickles - Virginia Health Benefit Exchange; created.	(H) Committee on Labor and Commerce	(H) Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #2	01/16/20

notes: This is the first of two bills that will lead to creation of a state-based insurance marketplace so that Virginia can move away from being part of a federally facilitated marketplace. Thought to decrease insurance costs in the long run.

HB 1559 - Hurst - Prescription drug price transparency; penalties.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	01/30/20
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notes: This is a bill that has not yet been heard.

SB 216 - Suetterlein - Health insurance; catastrophic health plans.	(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Read third time and passed Senate (23-Y 15-N)	01/17/20
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notes: This is not a good insurance plan for those with diabetes. It would deny people with preexisting conditions. Unfortunately, it appears to be on a path toward passage because it appeals to those who cannot afford ACA plans.

SB 235 - Barker - Health insurance; association health plans.	(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Printed as engrossed 20106105D-ES1	01/28/20
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notes: Association health plans tend to pull healthy people out of the marketplace, thus leading to more expensive plans for others. And the plans can exclude those with pre-existing conditions and deny essential health benefits.

SB 732 - McClellan - Virginia Health Benefit Exchange; created.	(S) Committee on Finance and Appropriations	(S) Rerferred to Finance and Appropriations	01/27/20
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notes: See notes for HB 1428.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Legislative Day

January 28, 2020

Richmond General Assembly

- VDC Joins Healthy Market VA Coalition
 - Over 16 Organizations
 - Guiding Principles
 - Accessibility
 - Affordability
 - Adequacy
 - All Virginians

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