

# HAV Coalition 2025 Policy Priorities

Expand access to comprehensive and affordable health coverage and services!

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## Invest in a Program to Cover All Kids: 289 #2h (Del. Tran) & 289 #1s (Sen. Hashmi)

In Virginia, there are stark inequities in health coverage depending on a child's immigration status. State lawmakers should take action and invest \$19.3 million over the next two fiscal years to ensure 13,000 children don't have to spend another year without access to health coverage.



- Virginia children who are U.S. citizens have a much lower uninsured rate (3.9%) compared to Virginia children with undocumented status (48%).
- Our childcare centers, playgrounds, and classrooms are safer and healthier when every child has access to health care.

## Ensure Young Children Maintain Their Health Coverage: 288 #50h (Del. Rasoul) & 288 #3s (Sen. Boysko)

Over 750,000 children in Virginia access health coverage through Medicaid/FAMIS. To ensure that these children can remain healthy and realize their brightest potential, Virginia should guarantee continuous coverage up to a child's sixth birthday.



- National data indicates that, historically, children and Black and Latino individuals are most likely to be affected by procedural disenrollments, which are disenrollments due to paperwork or other administrative issues.
- Since April 2023, procedural disenrollments have accounted for approximately 42% of all child disenrollments and disproportionately impact vulnerable communities.

## Expand Emergency Medicaid To Cover Cancer Treatment: 288 #20s (Sen. Deeds)

Currently, if people with cancer are uninsured and barred from Medicaid due to immigration status, they are at the mercy of hospital payment plans or charity care. This budget amendment would grant qualifying people with cancer access to Emergency Medicaid, which will save lives and allow families to focus on treatment.



- States have some flexibility to decide what services to cover, and six states (CA, IL, NY, WA, MN, OR) already cover cancer treatment as an Emergency Medicaid service.
- This program is state and federally funded, meaning Virginia will receive a generous federal match.