

# HAV Coalition 2026 Policy Priorities

## Maintain & expand access to affordable health coverage and services!

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### Invest in Virginia's Health Safety Net Facilities

Virginia's Federally Qualified Health Centers and Free and Charitable Health Clinics provide low-cost or free care to thousands of the state's uninsured and underinsured. Lawmakers must provide additional state funding to these facilities to ensure current and newly uninsured Virginia residents can access health services.

- Sen. Locke **Item 282 #3s** & Del. Herring **Item 282 #3h** \$21.1m GF in additional funding for FQHCs.
- Sen. Locke **Item 282 #9s** & Del. Willett **Item 282 #1h**: \$10m GF & \$30m GF in additional funding for Free and Charitable Clinics.

### Restore & Protect Critical Medicaid/CHIP Investments

Governor Youngkin's final budget made harmful decisions that impact access to health coverage for pregnant individuals, limit adult dental care services, and potentially reduce the number of providers seeing patients who have Medicaid. Lawmakers should restore funding and support for these programs.

- Sen. Favola **Item 290 #1s** & Del. Tran **Item 290 #1h**: \$29.5m GF to restore funding to FAMIS Prenatal.
- Del. Willett **Item 291 #55h**: \$23.6m GF to remove proposed \$2,000 cap on Medicaid Adult Dental Services.
- Sen. Favola **Item 291 #1s**: \$238.2m GF to restore inflation funding to Medicaid reimbursement rates.

### Address Expired Federal ACA Premium Subsidies

Enhanced federal ACA premium tax credits provided more generous help to families purchasing coverage on the marketplace, until they expired at the end of 2025. Several states have moved forward with programs and funding that provide targeted state-level subsidies to all or some of their residents. Virginia lawmakers should follow suit to maintain access and affordability of ACA health plans.

- Sen. Deeds **Item 478 #3s**: \$469.3m GF to fully replace expired federal enhanced ACA subsidies.
- Del. Tran **Item 478 #5h**: \$184.8m GF for one year program to fully replace expired federal subsidies for those between 100% FPL - 200% FPL and replace half for those between 201% FPL and 400% FPL.

### Long-Term: Increase Access to Children's Health Coverage

Virginia has the second-lowest income eligibility threshold (205% FPL) for children's health coverage in the nation. We should join 19 states and Washington, D.C., in providing affordable and comprehensive health coverage to children in families earning 300% of the federal poverty limit or more.

- Sen. Srinivasan **Item 290 #4s**: \$291.8m GF to increase FAMIS income eligibility to 305% FPL.