

# Healthcare for All Virginians



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# Virginia leads the nation...

- In Business:

...“the best state for business.” (*Forbes*, 2006-2009)

- In Education:

...the “state where a child will most likely have a successful life.” (*Education Week*, 2007)

- In Fiscal Governance:

...one of four states effectively dealing with the national recession, “better positioned to weather bad times.”  
(The Pew Center, 2009)

- In Personal Income:

#8 nationally in per capita personal income  
(Bureau of Economic Analysis)



# ...but not in healthcare.

- Is among only 10 states with more uninsured children today than 15 years ago – 167,000.
- Has experienced the 4<sup>th</sup> largest drop nationally in worker health insurance coverage over the last 15 years.
- Ranks 31<sup>st</sup> nationally in income eligibility in state-sponsored children's health coverage.
- Ranks 48<sup>th</sup> nationally in per capita Medicaid expenditures.



# Virginia's workers pay the greatest share of individual premiums in the nation.

U.S. Average: 20%

State	Average Percent of Total Premium Paid by Worker ~ 2008	State Rank
Virginia	24% <sup>†</sup>	1
Maryland	22% <sup>^</sup>	11
Tennessee	21% <sup>*</sup>	17
West Virginia	21% <sup>*</sup>	17
Kentucky	20% <sup>*</sup>	25
North Carolina	19% <sup>*</sup>	33

\*Increase from 2006    ^Decrease from 2006    †Unchanged

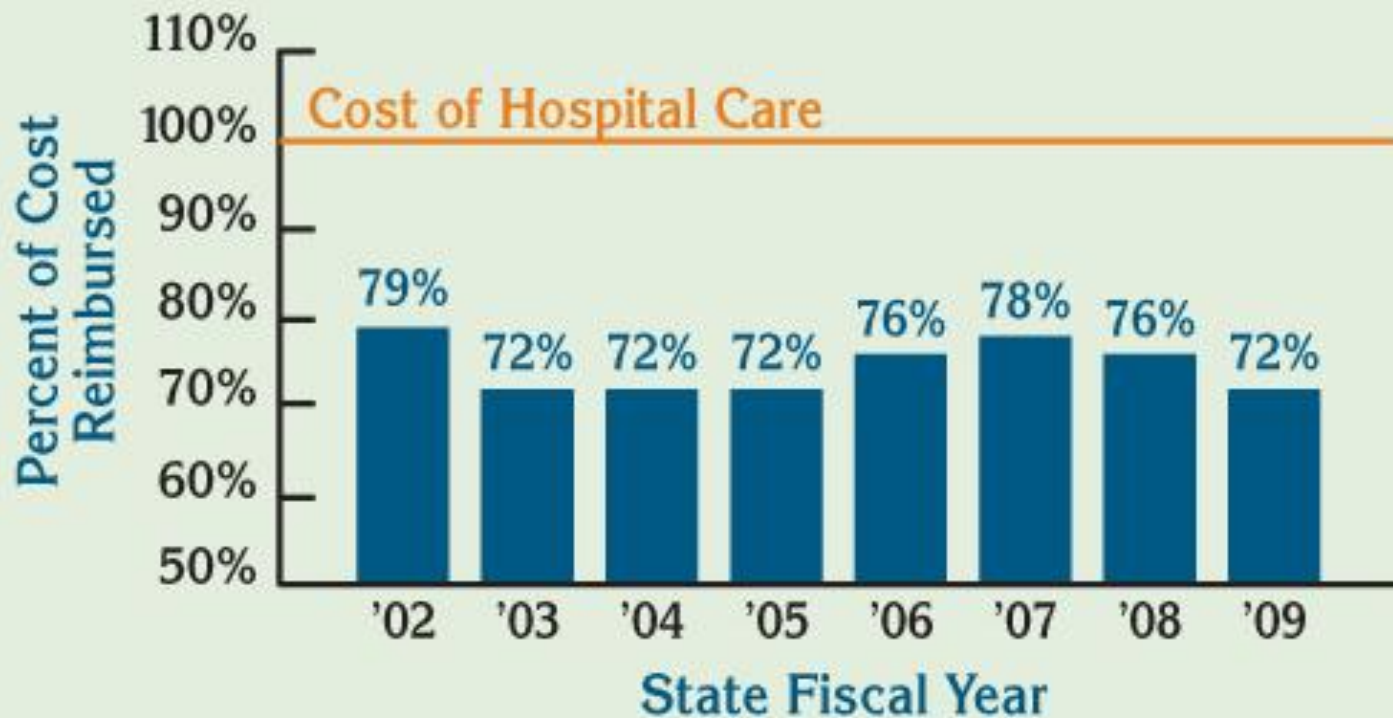
Source: Medical Expenditures Panel Survey, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

# Virginia ranks 44<sup>th</sup> on Medicaid income eligibility limits for working parents.

State	Income Eligibility Limit <i>(percent of federal poverty level)</i>	State Rank
Tennessee	134%	12
Maryland	116%	15
Kentucky	62%	29
North Carolina	51%	38
West Virginia	34%	42
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>44</b>

Source: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, based on a national survey conducted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP)

# Medicaid payment rates fail to cover costs.



# Which is Why 65 Virginia Organizations...

- AARP of Virginia
- American Academy of Pediatrics, Virginia Chapter
- American Cancer Society
- American Heart Association
- American Lung Association in Virginia
- Arlington County Medical Society
- Arlington Free Clinic
- Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Bon Secours Richmond Health System
- Central Virginia Health Planning Agency
- Children's Harbor – Places and Programs for Children, Inc.
- CHIP of Virginia
- The Commonwealth Institute
- Consortium for Infant and Child Health (CINCH)
- Fairfax County Alliance for Human Services
- Fan Free Clinic
- Inova Health System
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington
- League of Women Voters - Richmond
- League of Women Voters of Virginia
- Legal Aid Justice Center
- Legislative Coalition of Virginia Nurses
- March of Dimes Maryland - National Capital Area Chapter
- March of Dimes Virginia Chapter
- Mary Immaculate Hospital
- Medical Society of Virginia  
Medical Society of Virginia Foundation
- National Association of Social Workers – VA Chapter
- Northern Virginia Access to Healthcare Consortium
- Partnership for People with Disabilities
- Patient Services, Inc.
- PhRMA
- Potomac Hospital
- Prevent Child Abuse Virginia
- Prince William Health Partnership
- Rx Partnership (RxP)
- SIDS Mid-Atlantic
- Smart Beginnings – South Hampton Roads
- Social Action Linking Together (SALT)
- The Cross-Over Ministry, Inc.
- Virginia AFL-CIO
- Virginia Association of Community Services Boards
- Virginia Association of Free Clinics
- Virginia Association of Health Plans
- Virginia Association for Home Care and Hospice
- Virginia Association of Personal Care Assistants, SEIU Local 5
- Virginia Association of Regional Health Planning Agencies
- Virginia Chapters of the National MS Society
- Virginia College of Emergency Physicians
- Virginia Community Healthcare Association
- Virginia Dental Association
- Virginia Health Care Association
- Virginia Health Care Foundation
- Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association
- Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy
- Virginia LEND Program
- Virginia Network of Private Providers, Inc.
- Virginia Nurses Association
- Virginia Organizing Project
- Virginia Physical Therapy Association
- Virginia Podiatric Medical Association
- Virginia Poverty Law Center
- Virginia Rural Health Association
- Virginia Rural Health Resource Center
- Voices For Virginia's Children



# ...have formed “Healthcare for All Virginians.”

## Preamble

The health and well being of each Virginian is intertwined with the health and well-being of the broader community.

Access to health care is an essential element contributing to the common good, alongside others such as education, employment, and a safe environment.



# Accessible and affordable quality health care in Virginia should be:

- The shared responsibility of our entire community: individuals, providers, employers and government;
- Available to all Virginians, regardless of ability to pay and without causing financial hardship;
- Comprehensive, including a full range of services (primary, preventive, acute, and long term care) in order to maintain physical, oral, and mental health;



# Accessible and affordable quality health care in Virginia should be:

- Provided in a manner that is timely and culturally/linguistically appropriate; and
- Financed and delivered in a manner that leverages state spending, maximizes efficiency of resources, eliminates waste, and supports economic growth throughout Virginia.



**How can Virginia become  
a leader in health care?**



# Cover All Kids.

- **100,000 uninsured children** are eligible for Medicaid or FAMIS (Family Access to Medical Insurance Security program), but not enrolled.
- An additional **67,000 uninsured children** have family incomes higher than current eligibility limits.



# Cover All Kids.

- Increase outreach and enrollment efforts to currently eligible children.
- Enact enrollment simplifications.
- Increase FAMIS eligibility to 300 FPL, and secure additional federal funds.
- Allow families with incomes above the eligibility limits to buy FAMIS coverage.
- Implement CHIPRA options to cover *legal* immigrant children and pregnant women during their first five years in the United States.



# Cover All Kids.

It only costs Virginia *\$684 - \$977 per year* to cover a child through the FAMIS programs.



# Ensure Adequate Payment to Medicaid Providers.

- Hospitals: Medicaid pays \$.72 on the dollar.
- Physicians: Survey shows 50% shortfall in Medicaid & FAMIS payment rates.
- Nursing Homes: Lose \$12.45 per day, per Medicaid patient.

# Improve Coverage for Working Virginia Parents.

- As many as 65,000 working Virginia parents have incomes below the federal poverty line.

(Governor's Health Reform Commission, September 2007)

- Working parents generally are only eligible for coverage if their incomes are less than 30 percent of the FPL – which is *less than \$6,000 per year for a family of 3*.
- Other than the occasional cost of living adjustments, Virginia's Medicaid eligibility standard for parents has not been changed for 20 years.



# Virginia's Medicaid Eligibility Standard for Parents is Lower than All Neighboring States.

## MEDICAID INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMITS OF WORKING PARENTS IN 2009

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The national average Medicaid  
eligibility limit  
for working parents is  
65 percent of  
the Federal Poverty Level.



# Virginians support improving access to health care.

67 percent of small Virginia employers say it is important for individuals, employers, insurers, the government, and health care providers to share responsibility for making health care more affordable.

*– Small Business Majority Survey (June, 2009)*



# Broad support exists for expanding coverage.

75 percent of Americans support expanding health insurance coverage to cover all Americans.

– *The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press (June, 2009)*



# Investing in health care is...



# ...Good for People.

- An Institute of Medicine study found that working age Americans without health insurance are more likely to receive too little medical care, too late.
- Insured children are more likely to get preventive care and vaccinations, helping them to be healthy and ready to learn.
- Families will be protected from financial ruin from an unexpected major medical expense.



## ...Good for Business.

- The federal government matches every dollar spent on Medicaid 1:1 and every dollar spent on FAMIS 2:1. Increasing investments will secure additional funds to help improve the state's overall economy.
- Adequate support of public health care programs means less 'cost shifting' to private insurance – a burden for businesses.
- Every dollar spent on Medicaid has a value of \$2.18 in additional state business activity.



# ...Good for Virginia.

The number one state for business should lead by example when it comes to ensuring the health of its citizens and workforce.



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