

Medicaid Expansion Overview

City Council Meeting September 25, 2018



New Health Coverage for Adults

- Beginning January 1, 2019
- Estimated 400,000 more adults living in Virginia will have access to quality, low-cost health coverage
- People working in retail, construction, childcare, landscaping, food service or other jobs that do not offer health insurance may be eligible for this low-cost health insurance in Virginia
- The rules have changed. Virginians who may have applied for Medicaid in the past and been denied may be eligible now



Who Qualifies for Virginia Medicaid?

Childless Adult	Parent (family of 3)	Person with Disability
Not Eligible	Eligible with annual income at or below \$6,900	Eligible with annual income at or below \$9,700

Beginning 2019: Eligible with annual income at or below \$16,754 Eligible with annual \$28,677

Currently:

Eligible with annual income at or below \$16,754



Services Covered

New enrollees will receive all State Plan services and additional federally required preventive services

- Doctor, hospital and emergency services, including primary and specialty care
- Prescription drugs
- Laboratory and X-ray services
- Home health services
- Behavioral health services, including addiction & recovery treatment services
- Rehabilitative services, including physical, occupational and speech therapies
- Family planning services
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Preventive and wellness services, including annual wellness exams, immunizations, smoking cessation and nutritional counseling



Medicaid Expansion in Alexandria

- Anticipate additional enrollment of 4,755 to 5,993 adults
- Additional state allocated funding \$288,367 for administrative cost
- Impact on DCHS
 - Restructuring teams
 - >30-50% increase in applications
 - ≻Hiring 4 new Staff

Application Paths



Cover Virginia/VDSS Enterprise Call Center



Local Department of Social Services (LDSS)



Federally-Facilitated Exchange (FFE) (healthcare.gov)



Online Application Portal (Common Help)



Key Milestones and Activities

June 2018

- Governor Signed the budget
- Received budget allocation

July 2018

- Established Alexandria Medicaid Expansion Committee
- Developed a staffing plan

August 2018

- Initiated the City process to add new positions
- Developed the communication plan
- Participated in the system testing



Key Milestones and Activities

September/October 2018

- Hire and train new and existing staff
- Implement communication plan
- GAP member sent letter of conversion in full Medicaid

November/December 2018

- Open enrollment
- VA becomes a determination state in the Federally Facilitated Exchange
- Fast Tract enrollment for SNAP recipients and Parents of children enrolled in Medicaid – 3-4 questions application
- GAP and Plan First members enroll in full Medicaid

January 1 2019

Medication Expansion commences



Alexandria Medicaid Expansion Work Group

Members:

- DCHS
- INOVA
- Neighborhood Health
- Health Department
- Northern Virginia Health Foundation
- ACPS
- Managed Care Entities
- Non-profit Partners
- CMO

Will continue to expand the group



More Information and Updates

www.coverva.org

- Updates
- Outreach materials
- Eligibility tools

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