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Virginia Medicaid Agency Launches Expansion Dashboard

~ The dashboard includes up-to-date data statewide and by locality ~

RICHMOND – The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) this week launched a publicly accessible online dashboard providing up-to-date data on the number of Virginians with health coverage under Medicaid expansion.

The dashboard can be found on the agency's website at www.dmas.virginia.gov. Data will be updated on a biweekly basis to reflect the most recent number of Virginia adults statewide who are receiving the new health coverage. An interactive map allows users to find out how many individuals in their city or county have coverage under Medicaid expansion at that point in time.

"This is an exciting tool that will allow all citizens to watch our progress as we continue this historic initiative that will provide lifesaving health coverage to close to 400,000 Virginia adults," said Dr. Jennifer Lee, DMAS Director. "It also serves as an important reminder that each and every community is benefiting from new eligibility rules that are giving men and women access to the care they need to spend more time with their families and be more productive in their work."

Governor Ralph Northam signed the two-year state budget in June 2018 that expanded Medicaid for adults after working with a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers to approve the new eligibility rules. More than 200,000 Virginia adults have already enrolled. The new coverage is available to men and women ages 19 through 64 who are not eligible for Medicare and who meet income requirements, which vary by family size. For example, a single adult with an annual income at or below $16,754 may be eligible for coverage. An adult in a three-person family with a total

household annual income at or below $28,677 may be eligible. Medicaid applications are accepted year round.

"Medicaid expansion was a huge and historic undertaking for our Commonwealth, and we are committed to being as transparent about the results as possible," said Secretary of Health and Human Resources Daniel Carey, MD. "This dashboard will allow us to track our successes in getting eligible adults enrolled, as well as identify gaps where we need to improve."

In addition to overall enrollment numbers, the dashboard provides insights into the new Medicaid members. Information includes the number of parents, a breakdown of men and women, the age distribution of new members, a breakdown by income, and regional enrollment patterns. The online dashboard is best viewed in Internet Explorer.

Total enrollment figures on the dashboard reflect the number of Virginia adults who currently have coverage under Medicaid expansion and are able to visit a doctor and fill prescriptions. The numbers do not include individuals who are enrolled but whose new coverage has not yet started. In most cases, these are individuals who are in an existing Medicaid coverage category and are scheduled to transition to the new adult category after January 2019. For example, a young adult in the FAMIS program for children's health insurance who was due to age out of the program on February 1 will now transition into the new adult category rather than lose coverage.

DMAS' Office of Data Analytics partnered with Virginia Commonwealth University and the Virginia Department of Social Services to develop the dashboard.

The agency plans to launch a new data warehouse later this year that will lead to the creation of new dashboards providing data on health outcomes, quality metrics and financial benchmarks designed to increase public understanding of DMAS' role in the Commonwealth's health care system.

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