

# HHS Boot Camp Virginia Medicaid Day

**Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)** 

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#### Agenda

- Medicaid 101 Cheryl Roberts (DMAS Director)
- How is Medicaid Funded? Susan Massart (HAC) and Chris Gordon (DMAS Chief Financial Officer)
- Legislative and Budget Cycle Processes Jeff Lunardi (DMAS Chief Deputy)
- Application and Coverage Sarah Hatton (DMAS Deputy for Administration)
- Member Experience Adrienne Fegans (DMAS Deputy for Programs & Operations)
- Long-Term Care Tammy Whitlock (DMAS Deputy for Complex Care)





# Medicaid 101

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#### Medicaid Overview

Cardinal Care Managed Care

#### Current Medicaid Initiatives and Results



# **Medicaid and CHIP Authority**



Medicaid and CHIP (FAMIS) are joint federal and state programs authorized under Title XIX and Title XXI of the Social Security Act



Implementation requires authorization by the Governor and General Assembly, and funding through the Appropriation Act



Federal guidance and oversight is provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)



State programs are based on a CMS-approved "State Plan" and Waivers

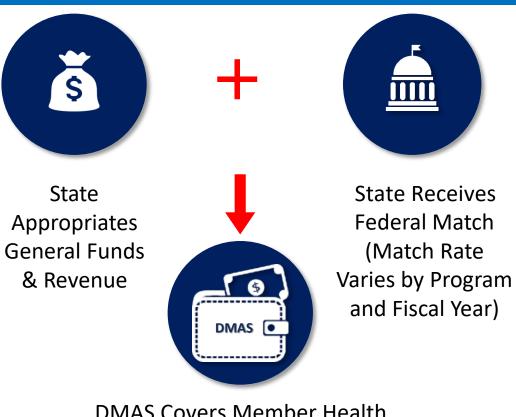


DMAS is designated as the single state agency within the Governor's administration to operate the Medicaid program in Virginia



# **Medicaid Funding and Authority**

- Current Appropriations is \$24.7 billion
- Medicaid match:
  - 51% Non-General Funds (NGF)
  - 49% General Funds (GF)
- Medicaid Expansion:
  - 90% NGF
  - 10% is covered by hospital coverage assessment
- Only 1.5% of the total DMAS budget is for administrative expenses



DMAS Covers Member Health Care Services and DMAS Program Administration





#### What is Virginia Medicaid?



1 in 4 Virginians are Medicaid members



Medicaid/CHIP covers 1 in 3 births in Virginia



1 in 3 Medicaid members have a Behavioral Health Diagnosis

Virginia Medicaid, now known as Cardinal Care, plays a critical role in the lives of nearly 2 million Virginians, providing high-quality health care coverage, disability services, and long-term services and supports for those most in need.

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is a State executive branch that administers Virginia's Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for nearly 1 in 4 Virginians.

Joint partnership and accountability between the Governor, General Assembly, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).



#### **DMAS Mission and Values**

#### **Our Mission & Values**

To improve the health and well-being of Virginians through access to high-quality health care coverage and services



Service Collaboration



Trust



Adaptability



Problem

Solving

CardinalCare Virginia's Medicaid Program

### **Virginia Medicaid Timeline**





#### **DMAS Commitment**

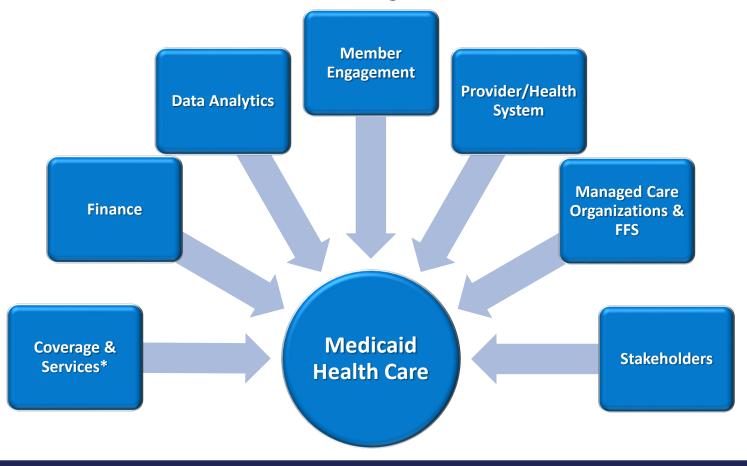
#### Committed to exploring, investing and implementing best practices that fit our Virginia Medicaid members





## **Virginia Medicaid Ecosystem**

Seven levers are involved in Virginia Medicaid health care





# **Program Eligibility**

- Medicaid Eligibility policy is administered by DMAS and eligibility determinations are handled through the Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS).
- DMAS also operates Cover Virginia center.
- Eligibility for health coverage is based on income plus other factors. Individuals may qualify for coverage based on other things like age or disability.
- MAGI covered groups income limits example:

Medicaid for Adults age 19-64 Up to 138% FPL					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly			
1	\$20,783	\$1,732			
2	\$28,208	\$2,351			
3	\$35,632	\$2,970			
4	\$43,056	\$3,588			
5	\$50,481	\$4,207			
6	\$57,905	\$4,826			
7	\$65,330	\$5,445			
8	\$72,754	\$6,063			
Each additional	\$7,425	\$619			

Medicaid for adults age 19-64

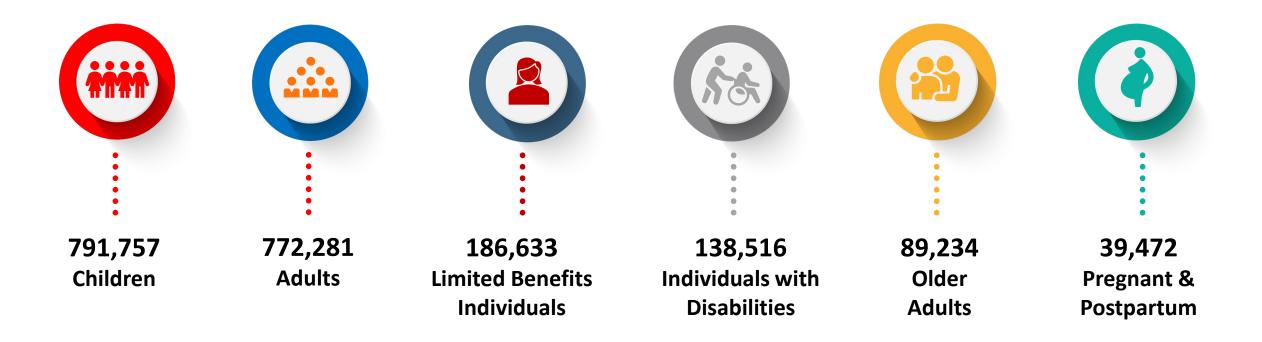
\*Includes 5% FPL Disregard

2024 Income Guidelines as of January 17, 2024



### Who Do We Cover?

Medicaid is available to Virginians who meet specific income thresholds and other eligibility criteria





### Children

#### Children birth to 21 years of age

Foster Care

Children with Special Needs

#### Children in Crisis





#### Adults

Up to 138% FPL Gross Income (\$20,783)

Behavioral Health and Substance Use Needs

**Prevention Services** 

Complex and Specialty Care





### Individuals with Disabilities and Older Adults



Specialized Care Nursing Facilities and Value Based Purchasing

Home & Community-Based Services and ID/DD Waiver Services

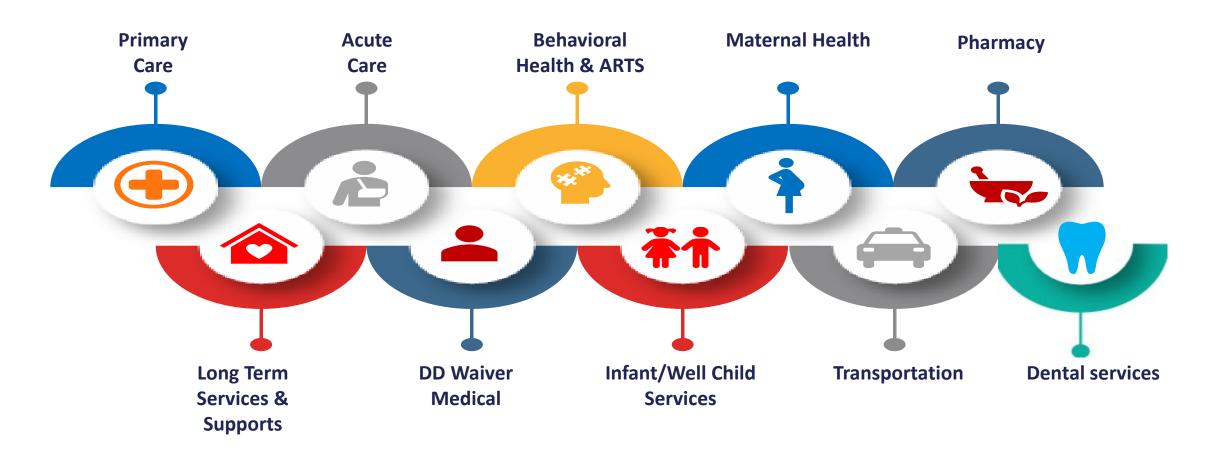
Program of All-Inclusive Care (PACE)

Limited Benefits



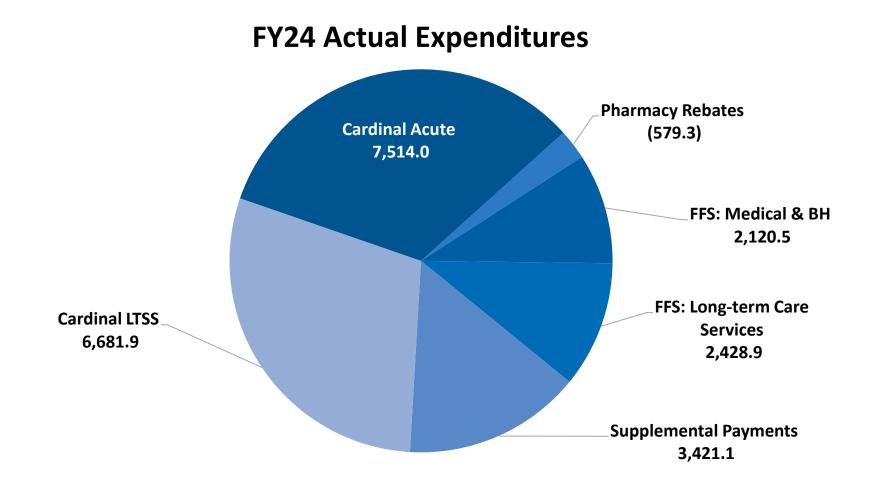
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### **Virginia Medicaid Covered Services**





#### Title XIX: FY24 Actual Expenditures by Category In Millions





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#### SFY 2019 – SFY2023 Medicaid Expenditures by Region

Expenditures by Region	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures
	SFY 2019	SFY 2020	SFY 2021	SFY 2022	SFY 2023
Total Expenditures	\$10,822,091,679	\$13,113,820,165	\$14,820,790,420	\$16,736,834,470	\$19,979,502,454
Central	\$2,829,100,192	\$3,462,964,102	\$3,910,397,683	\$4,425,024,159	\$5,282,413,269
Charlottesville Western	\$1,426,744,737	\$1,687,044,661	\$1,941,846,237	\$2,170,230,769	\$2,540,407,612
Northern and Winchester	\$2,154,508,328	\$2,624,554,141	\$3,015,183,834	\$3,498,112,379	\$4,318,287,451
Roanoke and Alleghany	\$1,215,601,175	\$1,469,643,505	\$1,632,728,407	\$1,789,384,957	\$2,108,101,895
Southwest	\$793,289,374	\$911,701,287	\$1,029,686,150	\$1,113,644,294	\$1,280,480,362
Tidewater	\$2,402,847,873	\$2,957,912,470	\$3,290,948,110	\$3,740,437,913	\$4,449,811,865

The total value of Medicaid expenditures for hospital, medical and other health services



#### The Role of Medicaid's \$28 Billion in Virginia's Economy

Medicaid directly supports thousands of health care providers throughout the Commonwealth including:



Hospitals



**Doctors and Medical Staff** 



Caregivers



Nursing Facilities and Group Homes



Behavioral Health and Other Providers



**Dental Providers** 



#### **DMAS Accountability System Overview**







# **Cardinal Care Managed Care**



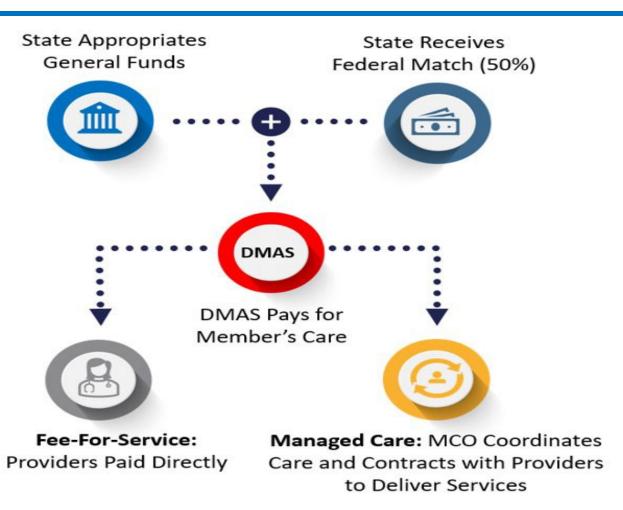
#### **Virginia Medicaid is Cardinal Care**





## **Delivery System**

Managed care serves **89**% of our members through five accredited health plans



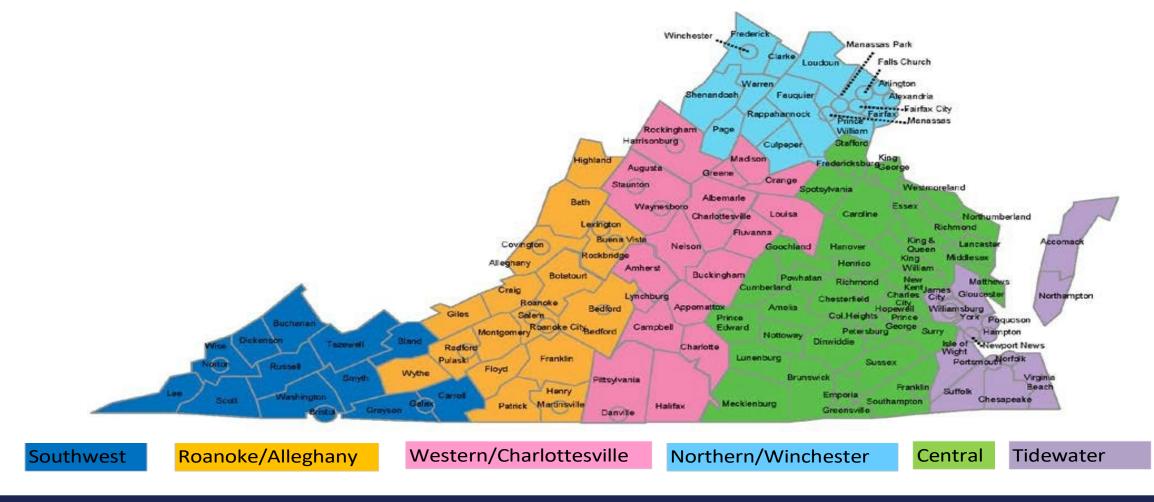




- Managed Care is a health care delivery system organized to manage care, cost, utilization, and quality.
- A Managed Care Organization (MCO) is a health plan with a group of doctors and other providers working together to give health and other services to its members.
- The MCO covers all Medicaid services, including doctor visits, behavioral health services, nursing facility services and "waiver" services for community-based long-term care.
- MCOs are paid a single per member/per month capitation rate that is actuarially sound.

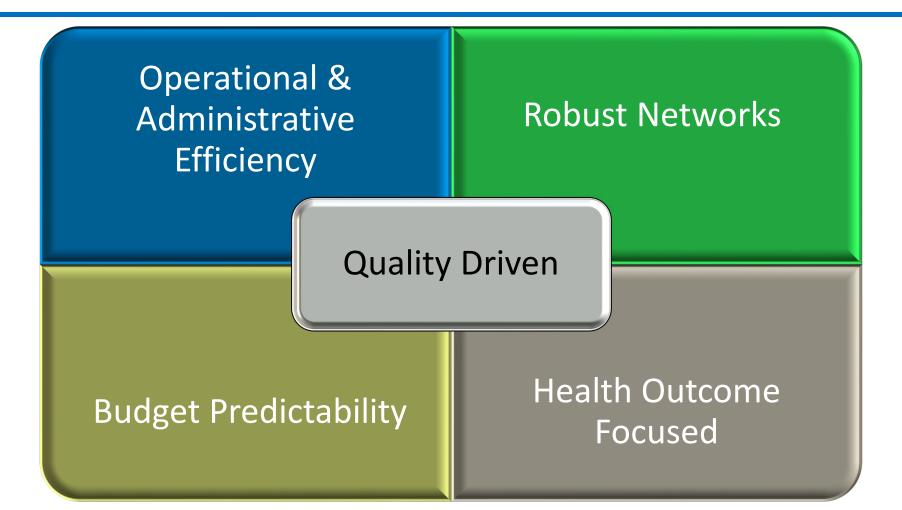


### **Cardinal Care Regional Map**



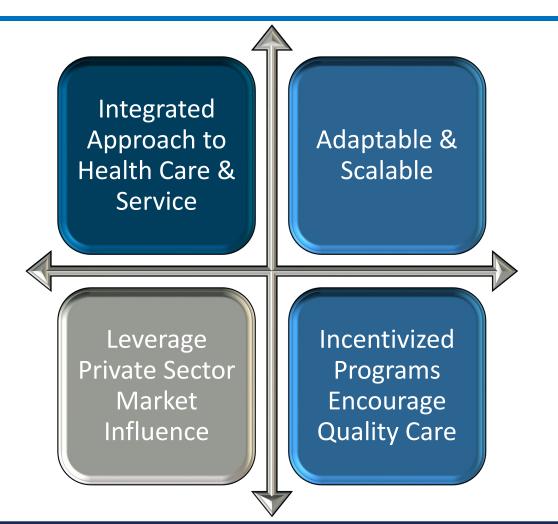


#### **Benefits of Managed Care Delivery System**





#### **Efficiencies and Best Practices**





- ✓ Focuses on **quality of care** for individuals
- Offers a network of high-quality providers
- Health plans offer enhanced benefits
- Health plans provide comprehensive health coverage and focus on prevention
- Provides financial stability



## **Cardinal Care Managed Care Background**

- The Cardinal Care Managed Care program provides comprehensive health care services for 1.8 million Virginians receiving Medicaid and CHIP through five contracted health plans.
- DMAS is taking a bold approach to improve the Cardinal Care Managed Care program with three steps:
  - Defined the transformation goals for the program.
  - Created Cardinal Care Managed Care A consolidation of the two programs formerly known as Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus and Medallion 4.0.
  - Reprocurement and implementation of the enhanced Cardinal Care Managed Care delivery system.





## **Cardinal Care Managed Care Improvements**





Single MCO Contract and Single CMS 1915(b) Managed Care Waiver Preserves Continuity of Managed Care Enrollment



Comprehensive Model of Care





Enhanced Accountability & Oversight



Cardinal Care Branding, Communications, and Consolidated Enrollment Broker Website



#### **Cardinal Care Road Map**

#### 2021-2023 Cardinal Care Timeline

DMAS's strategy to achieve these legislative directives was implemented in phases, while working closely with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to receive federal approval to consolidate the two managed care waivers and contracts



DMAS received approval from CMS to consolidate the Medallion 4.0 and CCC Plus programs under Cardinal Care Managed Care waiver – effective October 1, 2023

#### **O** July 2021

As part of the 2021 Appropriations Act, DMAS was directed to merge the two managed care programs, Medallion 4.0 and Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (CCC Plus)

#### **Jan 2023**

Rebrand as Cardinal Care Cardinal Care, DMAS' program name that includes all Medicaid, and FAMIS members served through both the managed care and feefor-service delivery systems

#### 2024

The new Cardinal Care Managed Care Program will drive innovation and strengthen quality and accountability



Medallion 4.0 and CCC Plus programs are consolidated under Cardinal Care

The Goals of **Cardinal Care** Managed Care are focused to drive membercentric transformation in Virginia's Medicaid system

#### **10 Top Goals of Cardinal Care Managed Care Program**

Ensure Medicaid members have appropriate access to quality health care through the contracted managed care plans

) Focus on expanding behavioral health services and improving access as part of the *Right Help, Right Now* initiative

Improve maternal and child health outcomes through targeted initiatives across geographic and ethnic populations

Strengthen provider access and availability



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Support members with high risk factors through model of care and health-related social needs resources

The Goals of **Cardinal Care** Managed Care are focused to drive membercentric transformation in Virginia's Medicaid system



Provide children and youth in foster care with a dedicated health plan



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Enhance access to appropriate services, supports and settings for members receiving LTSS

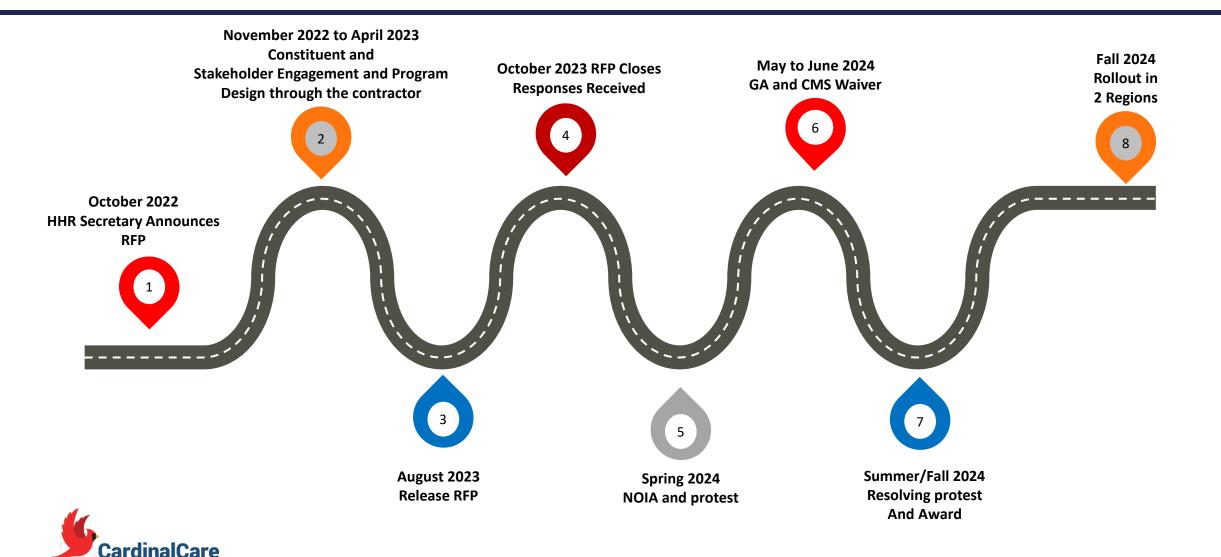
Drive innovation and operational excellence with a focus on data analytics



Expand Virginia's MCO fiscal oversight, including MCO profit tiering



### **Cardinal Care Managed Care Procurement Milestones**



#### **Cardinal Care Managed Care Preparation for Implementation Activities**







## **Current Medicaid Initiatives**



## **DMAS is Member Focused**

# DMAS listens, learns, and evaluates to improve the program

### DMAS is committed to improving

- Coverage Process
- Education and Information
- Services Accessible and Available
  - Provider Networks
  - Support Services
- Member's ability to choose plans, services and providers







## Behavioral Health Services Redesign Right Help, Right Now



### Six Pillars of Governor Youngkin's Right Help, Right Now Plan

An aligned approach to BH that provides access to timely, effective, and community-based care to reduce the burden of mental health needs, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders on Virginians and their families

1: We must strive to ensure sameday care for individuals experiencing behavioral health crises 2: We must relieve the law enforcement communities' burden while providing care and reduce the criminalization of behavioral health 3: We must develop more capacity throughout the system, going beyond hospitals, especially to enhance community-based services 4: We must provide targeted support for substance use disorder (SUD) and efforts to prevent overdose

two Pillars

**Initiatives to redesign adult** 

(Pillar 3) and youth (Pillar 6)

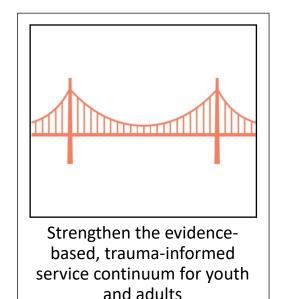
Medicaid services arose in

5: We must make the behavioral health workforce a priority, particularly in underserved communities 6: We must identify service innovations and best practices in pre-crisis prevention services, crisis care, post-crisis recovery and support and develop tangible and achievable means to close capacity gaps



Source: VA HHR

### **Medicaid Behavioral Health Services Redesign Priorities**



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Promote earlier intervention and increase access through tiered service design





Integrate workforce priorities and workforce supports into service design and implementation





## **Maternal and Child Health**





## Virginia Medicaid Maternal Health & Outcomes

As Virginia Medicaid covers 1/3 of births, investing in maternal health and adopting best evidence-based practices in the perinatal and postpartum period can prevent many of the common causes of pregnancy-related morbidity and improved family and community health

- Pregnancy-related morbidity disparities are greatest among African American women and women in the Tidewater, and Roanoke/ Alleghany regions
  - Highest pre-term and low-birth weight babies
  - Highest Emergency Room (ER) utilization postpartum
- Majority of Virginia Medicaid maternal deaths occur **after** childbirth, with common causes including:
  - Cardiovascular Disease
  - Sepsis/Infection
  - Hemorrhage
  - Hypertensive Disorders
  - Thrombotic Pulmonary Embolism
  - Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder



### **Snapshot of Actions to Connect the Dots on Enhancing Maternal Care**

Reviewing Virginia and national data and programs to inform policies and programs

Launching the Ask Aspirin campaign to combat cardiac comorbidities

Working with the provider community on improving care and extended hours

Working with hospitals to add the postpartum visit discussion on hospital discharge checklist

New enhanced materials and communications to members

Participating in Governor's Maternal team, task force and National Governor's Association learning opportunity with VDH





## **Oral Health**





- Cardinal Care Smiles (formerly Smiles for Children) is Virginia's Medicaid dental program
- Cardinal Care Smiles provides comprehensive benefits for children, pregnant members and adults ages 21 and older
- Cardinal Care Smiles is currently administered by DentaQuest

### **Program Goals**



• Prevention and Education



 Emphasize oral health as an integral part of overall health



Innovative strategies to improve utilization and access to care through member, provider, and stakeholder outreach



## A Health Body Starts With A Healthy Mouth

### IMPACTS BEYOND THE MOUTH

Growing evidence connects a healthy mouth with a healthy body. Here are some examples showing why oral health is about much more than a smile:

#### High Blood Pressure

- Putting off dental care during early adulthood is linked to an increased risk of having high blood pressure.1
- Patients with gum disease are less likely to keep their blood pressure under control with medication than are those with good oral health.2

#### Diabetes

- Untreated gum disease makes it harder for people with diabetes to manage their blood glucose levels.3
- Diabetes raises the risk of developing gum disease by 86%.<sup>4</sup>

#### Obesity

- Brushing teeth no more than once per day was linked with the development of obesity.5
- Frequent consumption of sugar-sweetened drinks raises the risk of both obesity<sup>6</sup> and tooth decay among children<sup>7</sup> and adults.<sup>8</sup>

#### Having 10 years of chronic gum disease (periodontitis) was associated with a higher risk of developing Alzheimer's disease.9

Dementia

Researchers report that uncontrolled periodontal disease "could trigger or exacerbate" the neuroinflammatory phenomenon seen in Alzheimer's disease.<sup>10</sup>

#### **Respiratory Health**

- Research shows that improving oral hygiene among medically fragile seniors can reduce the death rate from aspiration pneumonia.<sup>11</sup>
- Patients with ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) who engaged in regular toothbrushing spent significantly less time on mechanical ventilation than other VAP patients.<sup>12</sup>
- Improving veterans' oral hygiene reduced the incidence of hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP) by 92%, preventing about 136 HAP cases and saving 24 lives.13

#### Adverse Birth Outcomes

Gum disease among pregnant women is associated with preterm births, low birthweight babies and preeclampsia, a pregnancy complication that can cause organ damage and can be fatal.<sup>14</sup>



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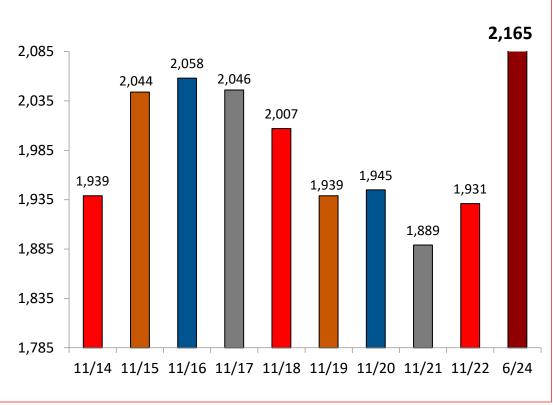
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## **Provider Participation**



7/15/2024	
Files with Incomplete/Missing Documentation	5
Application Aging	Complete Applications in Process
0-15 days	14
16-30 days	5
31-59 days	0
60 and over	0
Total providers processed CY2024 and added to network 1/1/2024 to 7/14/2024	133

As of July 31, 2024, **2,165** dentists are participating in the program:

- This represents approximately 28% of Virginia licensed dentists
- 38% of the states practicing dentists participate in the program





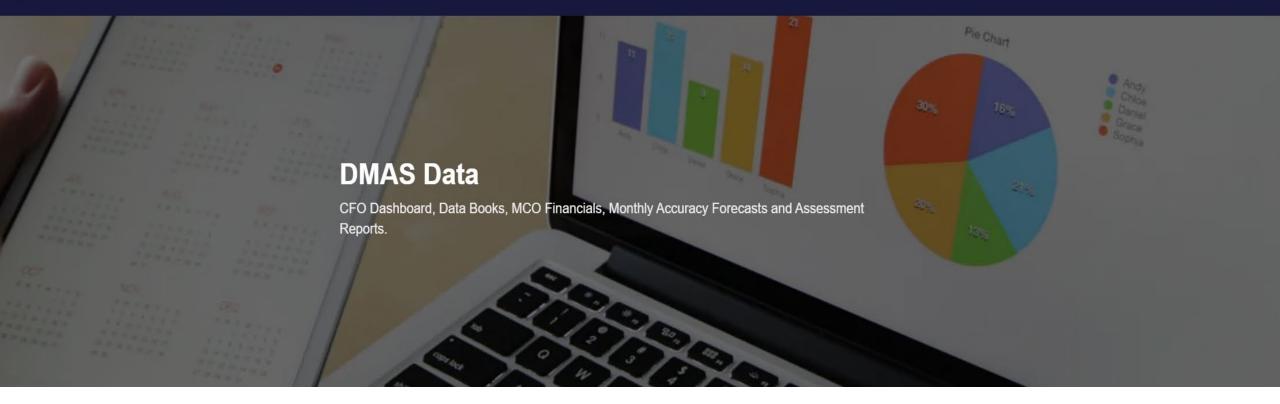
## DMAS' New Website and Dashboards



### **DMAS' New Website and Dashboards**

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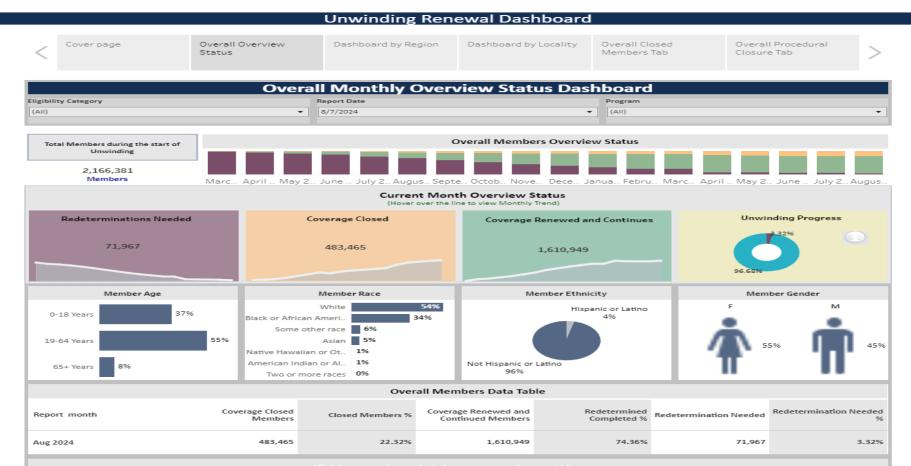
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## **Eligibility Redetermination Tracker**

The Eligibility Redetermination Tracker displays Virginia Medicaid's overall unwinding status.





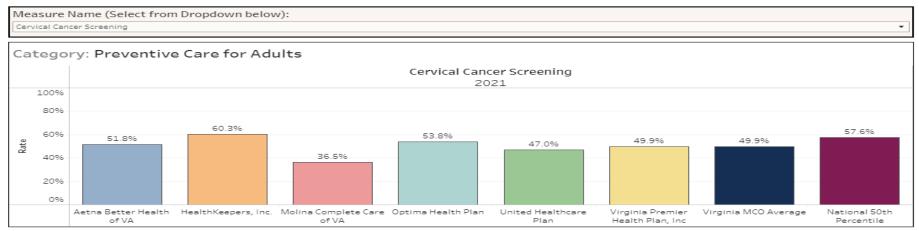
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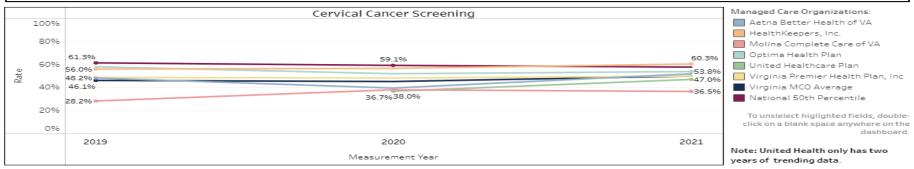
### **HEDIS Dashboard – Preventive Care for Adults**

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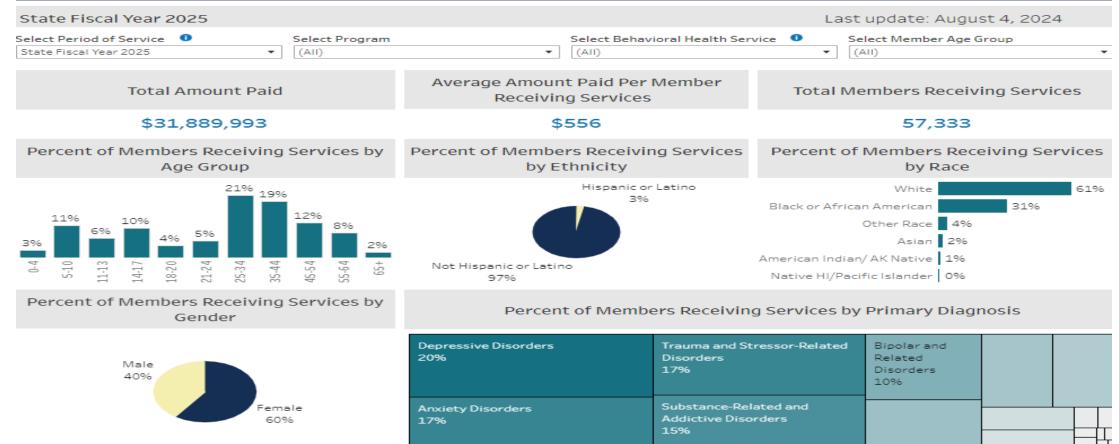
The percentage of women 21–64 years of age who had cervical cytology performed within the last 3 years, women 30-64 years of age who had cervical high-risk human papillomavirus (hrHPV) testing performed within the last 5 years, or women 30-64 years of age who had cervical cytology/high-risk human papillomavirus (hrHPV) co-testing performed within the last 5 years.





### **DMAS Dashboard**

#### Profile of Medicaid Members Receiving Behavioral Health Services







## **DMAS** Leadership



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