



April 4, 2016

The Hon. Terry R. McAuliffe
1111 E. Broad St.
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor McAuliffe:

The Healthcare for All Virginians (HAV) coalition is extremely grateful for your unwavering efforts to close Virginia's Medicaid coverage gap for up to 400,000 very low-income adults. The 100+ organizations which make up the HAV Coalition agree this coverage is absolutely critical to ensure access to necessary health care as well as bolster Virginia's health care industry and the economy. Opponents of expansion have totally failed to justify their opposition with facts and figures – it's truly been political gridlock and nothing more.

We share your frustration about the lack of progress on this issue during the last four legislative sessions. We also have very deep concerns about the individuals who must continue to suffer in the coverage gap. For some, the lack of coverage is truly life threatening. We featured a few of the affected people in our booklet *Faces of Virginia's Coverage Gap* to explain to legislators and the public how people end up in the gap for various reasons.

Please do not give up on them and the hundreds of thousands of other Virginians who are depending on your leadership and ability to get the job done!

We urge you to continue your fight to do what is right for poor adults in Virginia. In addition to helping hardworking families, closing the gap will address many related needs of people with mental illness, substance use disorders, and those leaving incarceration. We believe the business community, local governments, and educators have an important stake in this debate, and they should be promoting expansion, too.

The HAV Coalition is firmly committed to making broader Medicaid coverage a reality. We will continue to work with your administration and advocate for expansion as long as it's necessary.

Thank you for your steadfast support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill Hanken".

Jill Hanken
Coordinator, HAV Coalition
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OVER 100 VIRGINIA ORGANIZATIONS URGE THE STATE TO CLOSE THE COVERAGE GAP!

AARP Virginia	Mental Health America – New River Valley	Virginia Assn. of Centers for Independent Living
American Assn. of University Women of Virginia	National Alliance on Mental Illness of Virginia	Virginia Assn. of Community Psychiatric Nurses
American Cancer Society – Cancer Action Network	National Assn. of Social Workers – Virginia Chapter	Virginia Assn. of Community Services Boards
American Heart Association	National MS Society – Virginia Chapters	Virginia Assn. of Free and Charitable Clinics
Arlington County	National Osteoporosis Awareness Health (NOAH) Project USA	Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation
Arlington Free Clinic	National Physicians Alliance – Virginia New Virginia Majority	Virginia Chapter of Doctors for America
Blue Ridge Independent Living Center	Nonprofit Virginia	Virginia Chapter, National Organization for Women
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals	Northern Virginia Family Service	Virginia Civic Engagement Table
Bon Secours Virginia	NOVA ScriptsCentral	Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO)
Brain Injury Assn. of Virginia	Nueva Vida	Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness
Celebrate Healthcare	Otsuka America Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Patient Services, Inc.	Virginia Community Healthcare Association
Central Virginia Health Services	Parents as Teachers State Office Partnership for People with Disabilities at VCU	Virginia Consumer Voices for Healthcare
Chesapeake Care, Inc.	Piedmont Access to Health Services, Inc. (PATHS)	Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners
CHIP of Virginia	Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic	Virginia Counselors Association
City of Alexandria	Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia	Virginia Elder Rights Coalition
Cornerstones, Inc.	Prevent Child Abuse Hampton Roads	Virginia First Cities
Coverage Counts	Prevent Child Abuse Virginia	Virginia Health Care Foundation
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	ProgressVA	Virginia Hemophilia Foundation
Virginia Beach Alumnae Chapter	Rappahannock Legal Services, Inc.	Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy
Independence Center	Rappahannock United Way, Inc.	Virginia Latina Advocacy Network
FACETS	Richmond Orthopedics	Virginia March of Dimes
Fan Free Clinic	Rx Partnership	Virginia Medical Legal Partnership
Free Clinic of the New River Valley	SEIU – Virginia 512	Virginia Network of Private Providers
Gloucester-Mathews Free Clinic	Social Action Linking Together (SALT)	Virginia Oral Health Coalition
Greene Care Clinic	The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis	Virginia Organizations Responding to AIDS (VORA)
H.E.A.L.T.H. NOW, Virginia	The ARC of Virginia	Virginia Organizing
HealthWorks for Northern Virginia	VCU – American Medical Student Assn.	Virginia Podiatric Medical Association
Hemophilia Assn. of the Capital Area	Virginia Adult Day Health Services Assn.	Virginia Poverty Law Center
Inova Health System	Virginia AFL-CIO	Virginia Public Health Assn.
Instructive Visiting Nurse Assn. (IVNA)	Virginia Assn. of Area Agencies on Aging	Virginia Retired Teachers Association
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington		Virginia Rural Health Association.
League of Women Voters of Virginia		Voices for Virginia’s Children
League of Women Voters, Richmond Metro Area (LMV-RMA)		Volunteers of America Chesapeake
Legal Aid Justice Center		
Legislative Coalition of Virginia Nurses		
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society		
Mental Health America of Virginia		

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