

Ensuring Quality, Affordable Healthcare for All Virginians

The **Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy** and its healthcare program, the **Virginia Consumer Voices for Healthcare**, are dedicated to ensuring all Virginians have access to affordable, quality healthcare.

Approximately **400,000 Virginians** do not have affordable coverage and would be covered if our state took federal funds to provide insurance to low-income residents. About half of these people fall into Virginia's **coverage gap** – meaning they don't qualify for Virginia's restrictive Medicaid program, but do not earn enough to qualify for tax credits to buy affordable coverage on the Marketplace.

Because the legislature has not acted to close the coverage gap, too many hard-working Virginians are left without access to primary care and specialty physicians, immunizations, annual check-ups including preventive screenings, prescription medications, mental and dental care, and other **vital services**.

We collaborate with individuals, grassroots organizations, and faith-based organizations to **advocate for healthcare access for all Virginians**. We also serve as a resource for those without coverage, providing information on what options are currently available to them. As an **interfaith organization**, we unite all faiths working together for social justice issues like healthcare access for all Virginians.

Expanding healthcare availability in Virginia will increase **preventive care and economic benefits.**

Cholesterol Screenings: **26,000**

Mammograms: **6,800**

Pap Smears: **11,100**

Physician Visits: **483,000**

Reduction in Depression: **16,000**

(Council of Economic Advisors, 2015 Missed Opportunities)

Federal Funding: **\$2.1 billion annually**

New Jobs: **15,700**

(The Commonwealth Institute, 2017-21)

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For more information on how you can get involved, or if you need help in finding coverage, contact Cassandra Shaw, Outreach Coordinator, at **804-357-7688** or Cassandra@vaconsumervoices.org.



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