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VHHA in Action

Each day, VHHA actively works on behalf of its members, their employees, and Virginians to advance the interests of Virginia's hospitals and health systems. In the past week, these are some developments of interest to Virginia hospitals and health systems:

VHHA Hosts Short Film Premiere Events Honoring Healthcare Providers at Theaters Across Virginia

- In celebration and recognition of hospitals and their teams, the **Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (VHHA)** hosted a series of events in theaters around Virginia this week to show a short film produced in honor of **National Nurses Week**, **National Hospital Week**, and the Association's [100th anniversary](#). The documentary – *Healing and Hope: Hospitals' Legacy of Service in Virginia* – highlights the positive economic and public health impact of hospitals, their evolving work, and their history in Virginia as told through the stories of Virginia patients and providers. This week, free screenings have been hosted in Wytheville, Glen Allen, Woodbridge, Woodstock, and Hampton. The final showing is Monday, May 18 at The Grandin Theatre in Roanoke (RSVP [here](#)). Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the screening begins at 6:30 p.m. It is free to attend the screenings and refreshments will be provided. Guests are strongly encouraged to RSVP. Read more about the project [here](#). View a documentary trailer [here](#), an accompanying program [here](#), and photos from the premiere events through this [link](#).

VHHA Hosts Meeting of Board of Directors' Executive Committee

- This week, the **Executive Committee** of the **VHHA Board of Directors** met for a discussion about issues of interest and importance to hospitals and health systems, including operational considerations and state and federal policy issues.

View VHHA Webinar Recording on General Assembly Legislative and Budget Updates

- The **VHHA Government Affairs Team** recently hosted a webinar for hospital team members to provide a recap of legislative developments from the 2026 **Virginia General Assembly** that hospitals and health systems need to know. This presentation offered a comprehensive analysis of significant legislative and budgetary changes impacting hospitals and health systems across the Commonwealth. It also featured a preview of the upcoming election cycle as well as Virginia's evolving political landscape and how those developments may shape future healthcare policy. View a webinar recording [here](#).

News Updates

Virginia Governor Abigail Spanberger Issues Proclamation Recognizing Virginia Hospital Week

This week, **Virginia Governor Abigail Spanberger** issued a formal [proclamation](#) in honor of **National Hospital Week** as well as the VHHA 100th Anniversary in 2026. The proclamation deems Virginia Hospital Week as "an opportunity to recognize and thank the dedicated individuals within our hospitals and health systems for their critical work and their many outstanding contributions to the health and well-being of the Commonwealth." National Hospital Week dates to 1921 and is celebrated each year in May

to coincide with the birthday of famed nurse Florence Nightingale. In Virginia, the General Assembly formalized state recognition of Hospital Week in 2015 when then-state **Senator John Watkins** (R-Powhatan County) sponsored [legislation](#) designating the second week of May that year and each subsequent year as “Virginia Hospital Week.” This year, the **Virginia General Assembly** issued a [resolution](#) commending VHHA on its 100th anniversary (1926-2026) and Congresswoman **Jennifer McClellan** of Virginia secured a formal [congressional record proclamation](#) recognizing the Association. In 2026, VHHA is celebrating its centennial anniversary and 100 years of service to the Commonwealth in support of hospitals, patients, public safety, and the continuing work to make Virginia the healthiest state in the nation. Each day, Virginia hospitals provide care and essential services to patients and families while also serving as major employers and economic contributors. The latest [data shows](#) that in 2024 Virginia hospitals contributed \$4.5 billion in community support, generated \$68.8 billion in positive state economic activity, provided more than 138,000 direct jobs with more than \$13 billion in payroll and benefits, accommodated more than 4.45 million patient days, handled nearly 92 percent of all voluntary and involuntary behavioral health inpatient admissions, and delivered more than 87,000 babies. Virginia hospitals are also leaders in patient safety; the most recent Spring 2026 **Hospital Safety Grades** from the **Leapfrog Group** [ranked the Commonwealth second overall among states](#) for top hospital patient safety performance.

Governor Signs Paid Family Medical Leave, Healthcare Legislation, Vetoes Collective Bargaining

This week, **Virginia Governor Abigail Spanberger** conducted ceremonial bill signings for legislation pertaining to paid family leave as well as healthcare policy during events in Richmond and Northern Virginia. At a State Capitol ceremony, the Governor signed [Senate Bill 2](#) and [House Bill 1207](#) to enable Virginia workers to take up to 12 weeks of paid leave to address serious health needs for themselves or a family member, including parental leave. At a separate ceremony at **Inova Schar Cancer**, the Governor signed several healthcare laws including bills to cap the out-of-pocket price for a 30-day supply of insulin ([House Bill 1214](#)), to limit cost-sharing payments for prescription drugs under certain plans ([House Bill 625](#) and [Senate Bill 161](#)), on restrictions for claim downcoding practices ([House Bill 484](#) and [Senate Bill 164](#)), on required provisions regarding prior authorization for prescription drugs ([House Bill 736](#)), and legislation for an essential health benefits benchmark plan ([House Bill 328](#)). VHHA staff attended the event at Inova. In another development, the Governor [vetoed legislation](#) to extend collective bargaining rights to public sector employees in the Commonwealth.

Virginia Health Care Foundation 30th Annual Profile of Uninsured Reports Increased Rate

This week, the **Virginia Health Care Foundation** (VHCF) published its 30th annual [Profile of Virginia’s Uninsured](#), which tracks the uninsured rate among non-elderly adults in the Commonwealth. This year’s report shows an increase in Virginia’s uninsured population – from the historic low rate of 7.6 percent in 2023 to 8.1 percent in 2024. That represents a change from 530,000 to 573,000 non-elderly uninsured Virginia adults. VHCF notes that Virginia’s experience mirrors national trends tied to the resumption of regular Medicaid renewals during the unwinding period following the conclusion of COVID-19 continuous coverage requirements. The report may also serve as a baseline for monitoring future changes in uninsured rates as the effects of Medicaid policy changes and funding reductions under H.R. 1 of 2025 take effect in the coming years. The VHCF report is published annually in collaboration with the **Urban Institute**, which analyzes the most recent U.S. Census American Community Survey and CDC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey data in compiling the document.

VAFCC to Host 2026 Virtual Summit on Professional Development Training June 8-12

The **Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (VAFCC)** is hosting a Virtual Summit June 8-12 focused on professional development training for grant strategy, trauma-informed care, diabetes technology, and workplace well-being. The program is affordable, flexible, and convenient. Registration for non-member organizations is \$100 for an entire team. View the full program agenda and register [here](#).

CDC Issues Hantavirus Advisory to Healthcare Providers

The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** recently [issued](#) a Health Alert Network (HAN) advisory to healthcare providers regarding a new cluster of hantavirus disease cases caused by infection with Andes virus. Hantavirus disease can cause severe illness and can be fatal. Clinicians should be aware of the potential for imported cases, although the risk of broad spread to the United States is considered unlikely at this time. The CDC notes that on May 2, the **World Health Organization (WHO)** was notified of a cluster of severe acute respiratory illness (SARI) among passengers and crew of a cruise ship in the Atlantic Ocean. The cluster included two deaths and one critically ill passenger, whose laboratory tests confirmed hantavirus. The WHO later confirmed that the type of hantavirus responsible for this outbreak is the Andes virus. As of May 8, WHO has reported eight cases (six confirmed and two suspected), including three deaths. Investigations are ongoing to assess exposure risk of all Americans passengers on the cruise ship or who may have been exposed to an infected cruise ship passenger on an aircraft. Last week, [news reports](#) indicated that a Virginia traveler aboard the cruise ship that experienced the [hantavirus](#) outbreak has returned home and was under public health monitoring but has not shown any signs of infection.

Events

Register Now for the Virginia Healthcare Workforce Summit, a Virtual Event on May 19

Next week is the **2026 Virginia Healthcare Workforce Summit**, which is scheduled to be held May 19 as a virtual event. “Reimagining the Healthcare Workforce: Innovation, Engagement, and the Future of Work” is the theme of this year’s Summit, which will explore innovative strategies for hospitals to adapt their practices, focusing on developing, recruiting, retaining, and supporting team members in a rapidly changing workplace. Up to 5.5 hours of continuing education credits are available to participating physicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, and towards **American College of Healthcare Executives** certification. Visit this [link](#) to register and view additional program information.

Register for IHI Open School Quality & Patient Safety Certificate Program

The **VHHA Center for Healthcare Excellence** is again offering hospital team members the opportunity to participate in the **Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Open School Certificate Program in Quality & Patient Safety**. Through the online learning modules available, program participants have one year to complete 13 core courses (from a menu of more than 30) to earn a Basic Quality & Safety Certificate. Those courses take an estimated 13-22 hours to complete, and 17.75 continuing education credits are available for the 13 courses. The [courses](#) offer a dynamic learning environment for healthcare professionals of all levels. IHI is an independent not-for-profit organization and a leading innovator, convener, partner, and driver of results in health and healthcare improvement worldwide. Its online courses are created by world-renowned faculty in quality improvement, patient safety, triple aim

for populations, person- and family-centered care, and leadership. Content is delivered through narrative, video, and interactive discussion. Access to courses will be available from June 1, 2026-May 30, 2027. Healthcare professionals including physicians, nurses, allied health professionals, hospital managers, quality, safety, risk management, patient experience, and population health staff and leaders are encouraged to apply for the program. The cost is \$199 to participate or \$399 without the VHHA group rate. Please contact **Rachel Pryor** with questions at rpryor@vhha.com.

VHHA to Host June 11 Webinar on VDH Guidance for Optimizing MDRO Flags in EDCC

Patient transfers involve dozens of critical safety elements in a single handoff moment. A patient's infection status – including pending laboratory results, known colonization or active infection with a multidrug-resistant organism (MDRO), and the transmission-based precautions currently in place – is among the most critical information to convey. Non-disclosure of such details can lead to potential exposures for healthcare workers and patients, resulting in costly contact investigations for hospitals. A webinar being hosted at 10 a.m. on June 11 will provide information on two layers of protection to prevent such miscommunications: the new MDRO Communications Guide from the **Virginia Department of Health (VDH)** and optimizing the use of the MDRO flags in the Emergency Department Care Coordination System (EDCC). Register for the webinar [here](#).

VHEMP to Host June 12 Webinar Briefing with National Weather Service on 2026 Hurricane Season

The **Virginia Healthcare Emergency Management Program (VHEMP)** – a partnership between the **Virginia Department of Health (VDH)**, the **Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (VHHA)**, and the four regional healthcare coalitions – is hosting a one-hour webinar on June 12 at noon featuring **Katie Carter**, Emergency Response Specialist with the **National Weather Service (NWS)**. The briefing will focus on the 2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season and available NWS resources to assist in readiness and response. Register for the event [here](#).

Podcast

VHHA *Patients Come First* Podcast Features Andor Health Nurse Leader on Agentic AI in Healthcare

This episode of VHHA's *Patients Come First* podcast features **Mary Morin**, Chief Nursing Officer with **Andor Health**. Morin is an experienced hospital nursing leader who joins us for a conversation about her professional journey, the work of Andor Health, the applications for its ThinkAndor agentic AI platform as a healthcare solution, and more. Listen to the episode [here](#) and hear past episodes through this [link](#). Podcast episodes are also available through these podcast apps and networks: [Apple Podcast](#), [Amazon Music](#), [Spotify](#), [Pandora](#), [Stitcher](#), [TuneIn](#), [SoundCloud](#), [Blubrry](#), [iHeart Radio](#), [Deezer](#), [Podbay](#), [Pocket Casts](#), the [Virginia Audio Collective](#), [Podcast Health](#), and the [World Podcast Network](#). The podcast can also be heard on the radio airwaves – episodes air Sundays at 10 a.m. on 100.5 FM, 107.7 FM, 92.7 FM, and 820 AM across Central



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Cline



Flattery



Madsen



Mannix



Williams

Carl Cline, President and Administrator of **Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital**; **William Flattery**, CEO of **Carilion New River Valley Medical Center** and Vice President of **Carilion Clinic Western Region**; **Greg Madsen**, CEO of **Carilion Rockbridge Community Hospital** and Vice President of **Carilion Clinic Eastern Division**; **Mary Mannix**, President and CEO of **Augusta Health**; and **Kristie Williams**, MSN, RN, President of **Carilion Giles Community Hospital**; have been named to the *Becker's Hospital Review* 2026 list of 146 rural hospital and health system presidents and CEOs to know. Read more [here](#).