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Medicaid Eligibility

Overall Grade: A

Eligibility for childless adults	A
Eligibility for parent of a dependent child	A*
Eligibility for pregnant women	B
Medicaid and/or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility for children	B

Medicaid Section 1115 Waivers

Overall Grade: Fail

Virginia has sought a section 1115 to, among other things, expand eligibility, implement a work requirement and charge premiums in its Medicaid program. This waiver has yet to be approved by the federal government.

Out-of-Pocket Costs

Overall Grade: F

Prescription drug cost sharing protections	F
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Step Therapy

Overall Grade: B

Based on clinical practice	A
Timeline	A
Exception process	A
Categories of exceptions	B
Subsequent guidance from state	F

Medical Nutrition

Overall Grade: D

Coverage requirements for commercial health plans	F
Covered disorders requirements for commercial health plans	F
Coverage requirements for state-run programs	D
Covered disorders requirements for state-run programs	C

Newborn Screening

Overall Grade: A

Screening for RUSP core conditions	B
Adding RUSP core conditions to the state panel	A
Funding for program	A
Use of dried blood spots (DBS)	B
Follow-up	B
Quality of program	A
Advisory committee	A

Rare Disease Advisory Councils

Virginia has not enacted legislation to create a rare disease advisory council.

Individual Insurance Market Protections

Pre-existing conditions protections: Virginia has a guaranteed issue law, requires the use of adjusted community rating and prohibits pre-existing conditions exclusions.

Short-term, limited-duration and association health plans: Virginia limits the initial contract duration of short-term, limited-duration health plans to six months. Virginia requires that an association form for a purpose other than offering insurance and be in existence for a minimum of five years before offering coverage.

Reinsurance: Virginia has not yet sought a section 1332 waiver to establish a reinsurance program.

*Although stated eligibility level for parents of dependent children would not warrant an "A," state has expanded Medicaid to enable individuals previously ineligible for Medicaid to become Medicaid eligible up to 138% eligibility FPL and, therefore, earns an "A."