

Virginia Health Care Foundation:

On the Front Lines of Virginia's Health Care
Safety Net

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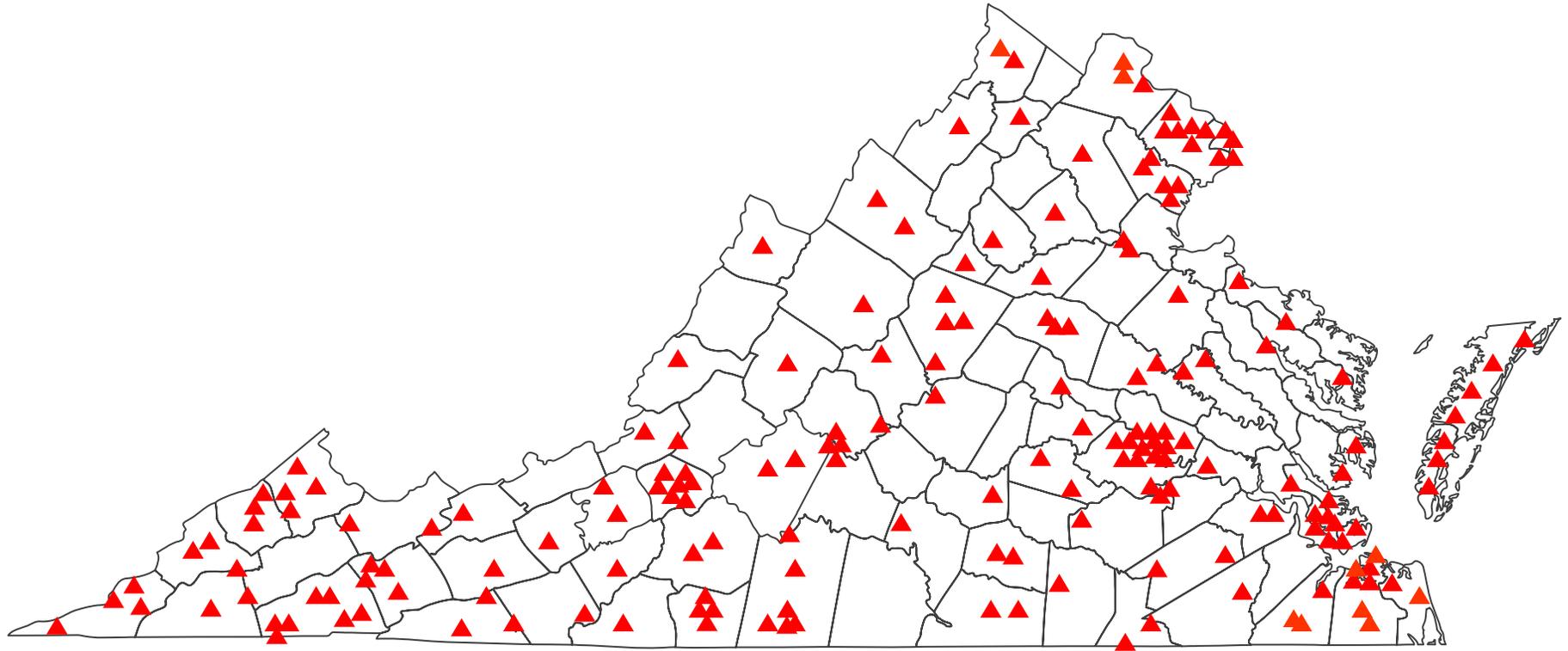




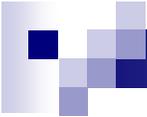
The Virginia Health Care Foundation

- Public/private partnership
- Initiated by General Assembly and JCHC
16 years ago
- Mission: To increase access to primary health care for uninsured and medically underserved Virginians *(via growing and strengthening Virginia's health care safety net)*

Virginia Health Safety Net Providers (2010)



Each triangle represents a source of medical, dental, and/or mental health care provided by free clinics, community health centers, and other grantees of the Virginia Health Care Foundation.



Impact of VHCF on the Health Care Safety Net

- Health Care Safety Net has grown by more than 500% since VHCF's inception
- Special grants to community health centers have helped to double the number in Virginia over the past 8 years (*\$193,000 in VHCF grants helped generate \$15.9 million in new federal money*)
- Largest funder of the dental safety net in Virginia (*\$6.2 million over the last 12 years*), helping establish 39 of Virginia's 60 community-based dental providers.

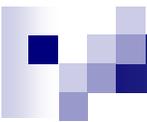


VHCF Tools to Help Strengthen the Health Care Safety Net

- *The Pharmacy Connection*

160 organizations  \$124 million in free Rx medicines (FY09)

- Nurse Practitioners in 50% of free clinics

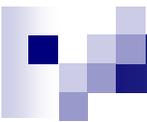


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- Negotiated significant discounts for dental safety net with Patterson Dental (*\$271,889 in savings to dental safety net*)
- Leadership development program for safety net executive directors (*Leading for the Long Term*)
- Electronic Health Records grants to CHCs
- Profile of Virginia's Uninsured

VHCF Leverage

- Since inception, VHCF has leveraged each \$1 spent for \$11 in cash, health services and other in-kind contributions.
- In FY 09: \$3.9m GF  \$43m
- Continued state support during recession has been crucial in VHCF's ability to raise private sector funds



Impact of VHCF Appropriation in FY 09

- VHCF grants paid for **26 health care providers** (*doctors, dentists, mental health professionals*) on the front lines of the Health Care Safety Net
- They provided care to more than **27,000 uninsured patients** through **66,000 visits.**



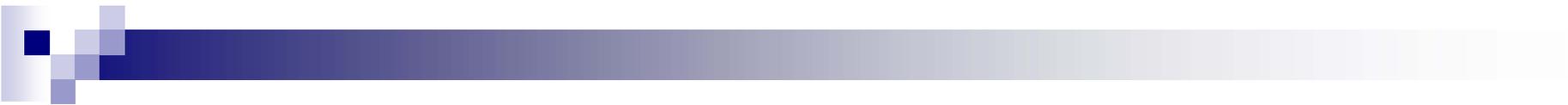
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RxRelief Virginia

- \$1.2m GF funds 38 medication access caseworkers throughout the state
- They generated **\$43.2 million in free Rx medicines** for **14,116 uninsured Virginians with chronic illnesses**

Consequences of Budget Cuts

FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12
\$4 million	\$3.8 million (-5%)	\$3.6 million (-10%)	\$3.6 million (-10%)
		\$3.2 million (-20%)	\$3.2 million (-20%)



Consequences of Budget Cuts

- 6 fewer providers on the front lines (10%)
- 13,000 fewer patient visits (10%)
- \$14.3million less in free Rx meds for 4620 sick, uninsured Virginians with chronic illnesses (20%)
- 12 medication access caseworkers would lose jobs (20%)
- Impaired ability to raise private sector funds
- Significantly reduced leverage

Uninsured Virginians Served in the Health Care Safety Net

- 60% have at least one chronic illness (*diabetes, hypertension, anxiety/depression*). Many have more than one.
- Most are between 25-64 years old
- Incomes fall below 200%FPL. Many below 150% or 125%
- Most are hard-working Virginians (*or were until recent job loss*)



More Uninsured Virginians Than Ever Are Seeking Care

- Waiting lists 2-6 months
- Lotteries to obtain care
- Others turned away.



Virginia's Health Care Safety Net...

- Generated \$25 in health services and prescription medicines for every state \$1 spent in FY 09
- Is the only source of needed care for most uninsured Virginians