# Cover VA Script for High-Level Presentations

# Audience of Individuals Interested in Applying for New Adult Coverage

#### SLIDE 1

- Thank you for inviting me to speak to you today.
- This is an exciting time in Virginia.
- Thousands of Virginians may now apply for quality, low- and no-cost health care coverage.
- We are getting many questions about the new coverage options.
- We want to make sure that everyone has accurate information and a chance to ask questions.
- You are an important part of our Cover Virginia campaign, and we hope that you will share what you learn today with your family, friends and neighbors.

#### SLIDE 2

- Until 2019, few adults in Virginia could qualify for coverage because of the strict rules.
- Perhaps some of you have applied in the past and have been unsuccessful.
- We want you to try again because those rules changed on January 1, 2019.
- This is a major change in our program that opens the door to more than 400,000 Virginia adults.
- Many of the new people who will join our program work in jobs that do not offer health insurance.
- That includes jobs in retail, construction, childcare, landscaping and food service.
- We believe these individuals should have coverage so that they don't have to worry about getting sick or having an accident.
- Applications for the new adult coverage are now being accepted.

## SLIDE 3

- The Number 1 question we get is "Who is eligible?"
- There will be an application process to go through all of the requirements, but I can give you the highlights today.
- First, you must be between the ages of 19 and 64.
- This new coverage is not for people who are in Medicare now or eligible for Medicare.
- Second, you must meet income requirements, which vary by the number of people in your household.

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- For example, if you are a single adult living alone, you may be eligible if your annual income is at or below \$17,609.
- If you are a parent living with your spouse and a child, you may be eligible if the total annual income for everyone in your family is at or below \$29,974.

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- The second most common question we hear is "What services are covered?"
- As you can see from this list, coverage includes a wide variety of services.
- They include doctor visits, hospital stays, prescription drugs and behavioral health care.
- There are many more services available than we could include on this list, so don't be discouraged if you don't see a specific type of medical care that is important to you.

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• The new people signing up for coverage will be part of the same programs that our existing members are already using.

- The vast majority of our members today are enrolled in managed care programs, and that will also be true for new members.
- Most people will be covered through our Medallion 4.0 program.
- People who have a complex behavioral or medical condition that limits their daily activities will be enrolled in Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (also known as CCC Plus), which is our managed longterm services and supports program.
- The CCC Plus program will provide extra support in coordinating their health care needs.
- Whether individuals are enrolled in Medallion 4.0 or CCC Plus, they will be able to choose from the same six health plans.
- The same six health plans are available for both programs.

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- People interested in applying for Medicaid coverage, including the new adult coverage, may apply:
  - By phone by calling the Cover Virginia Call Center
  - o Online by completing an online application at commonhelp.virginia.gov or healthcare.gov
  - o By mailing or dropping off a paper application to their local Department of Social Services; or
  - If they want to apply for other social services benefits, they can apply by calling the Virginia Department of Social Services Enterprise Call Center
- Applications for new adult coverage are now being accepted
- Applications are accepted year-round for Medicaid coverage, including the new adult coverage.

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- I'm sure you have additional questions, and you will think of even more questions after you get home.
- The most important source of information about this new coverage is our Cover Virginia website -- that's Cover V-A dot org.

# SLIDE 9

• When you visit the website, you will have a chance to sign up for regular updates by email and text.

#### **SLIDE 10**

 When you get to the home page, click on the first picture to get to the page with information on new adult coverage.

## **SLIDE 11**

- You'll find a list of Frequently Asked Questions, brochures, and a new adult coverage flyer translated in 18 different languages. We will be adding new information to this page regularly.
- Be sure to check out the eligibility screening tool.

# **SLIDE 12**

• When you click on the screening tool, you will get a series of questions that will help you figure out if you meet the income rules.

## SLIDE 13

- Please check this website often for updates.
- And please take a brochure with you, visit the Cover Virginia website, and please share this information with your family, friends and neighbors.
- Thanks again for your time.