House Select Committee on Advancing Rural and Small Town Health Care

Delegate Rodney T. Willett, Chair
Thursday, September 10, 2026 1:00p.m.

James Madison University College of Health and Behavioral Studies
235 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Harrisonburg, VA 22807, Room 5040
Commission Website:
https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/678

I. Welcome and Introductions
Dr. Jim Schmidt, President, James Madison University
Delegate Rodney Willett, Chair
Senator Barbara Favola, Chair, Senate Education and Health Committee
Delegate Israel O'Quinn, Vice Chair

II. Consideration of Committee Policy for Electronic Meetings Held under § 2.2-3708.3 of the Code of Virginia
Chandler Brooks, Legislative Counsel, Division of Legislative Services

III. Presentation
Marvin B. Figueroa, Secretary of Health and Human Resources

IV. Medicaid Overview and Next Steps, Next Challenges
Steve Ford, Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services
Elizabeth Dervan, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services

V. The 340B Program and Its Current and Future Impacts on Virginia Health Care
David Christian, RPh, Pharmacy Director, Central Virginia Health Services
Michael Jackson, MPH, CFE, Director of Government and Legislative Affairs, Virginia Community Healthcare Association
Kristin Parde, Deputy Vice President for State Advocacy, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)

VI. Rural Health Transformation Update
Heidi Hertz, Director, Rural Health Transformation

VII. Member Discussion and Public Comment

VIII. Adjourn

The Committee will tour various healthcare facilities on Wednesday, September 9 and Thursday, September 10. Due to space limitations, and in compliance with HIPAA regulations, these tours will not be open to the public. No committee business will be discussed.

Committee Members

Del. Rodney Willett (Chair)
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