

HB 110 Reporting Requirements For Agency Strategic Plans

HB 110 (2006 Session) amended Va. Code § 2.2-5510 to require that each state agency include in its strategic plan “*an analysis of the impact that the aging of the population will have on its ability to deliver services and a description of how the agency is responding to these changes.*” The bill provides further that “*(b)ased on guidance from the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, each agency shall report by October 1 of each year to the Governor and to the General Assembly its progress for addressing the impact of the aging of the population in at least five specific actions.*”

Each agency, in addition to amending its strategic plan as may be necessary, shall submit by October 1 of each year to the Governor and to the General Assembly, a report that includes, at a minimum, the following information:

Report from Eastern Virginia Medical School
Office of the President
September 22, 2006

1. Number of persons who received services from EVMS Health Services in the past fiscal year:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
65 – 74	440	578
75 – 84	211	488
85+	75	304

2. Identify the agency services that are used by seniors in significant numbers:

Audiology
Head & Neck Surgery
Radiation Oncology
Gerontology
Internal Medicine
Pulmonary Medicine
Diabetes

Currently EVMS has the capacity to serve all interested seniors.

3. Identify current programs designed to serve seniors 65 and older:
EVMS's programs for Seniors would fall into the Health/Wellness category and are primarily offered through the EVMS Glennan Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology. This Center of Excellence focuses on: research in aging and related diseases; education of health care providers and community members regarding diseases of aging and age-related diseases; and teaching approaches to caring for the elderly which are compassionate and thoughtful. One program of particular interest is the Older Driver's Research Program which uses a driving simulator to study driving competencies of older drivers in order to help mature adults continue driving safely into later life. A student group known as SAGE (Students for the Advancement of Geriatric Education) was formed in 2001 to accommodate students who have an interest in geriatrics. In addition, special seminars and Grand Rounds are offered frequently to students, faculty and community health care providers to support and advance the skills of those involved in the care and management of elderly patients.
4. Identify the extent to which your organization provides "consumer oriented" publications and websites online that are designed to be "senior friendly":
EVMS partners with area support groups and Associations, such as local chapters of AARP, senior citizen's clubs, hospice agencies, and other service organizations to provide programs to the community and throughout the Tidewater area which are designed for seniors.
5. Describe any other services or programs that the agency has implemented to address the impact of the aging of Virginia's population:
EVMS through EVMS's Glennan Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology, offers a fellowship program in geriatric medicine; has geriatrician supervisors working with residents in a variety of clinical settings; and supports a number of active research studies designed to improve clinical outcomes in medication use and some illnesses such as influenza. EVMS recognizes that today's health care providers may, during their careers, devote as much as 75% of their time to the geriatric population and so the curriculum and activities of EVMS are designed to address this.