

2022 Report to the Governor and General Assembly

Virginia Department of Health Report on the Pediatric Autoimmune
Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and
Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council

Executive Summary

The Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) advisory council is established in the Code of Virginia [§32.1-73.9] to advise the Commissioner of Health on research, diagnosis, treatment and education relating to PANDAS and PANS. The advisory council is required to report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1st of each year recommendations related to the following:

1. Practice guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS and PANS
2. Mechanisms to increase clinical awareness and education
3. Outreach to educators and parents to increase awareness
4. Development of a network of volunteer experts

Pursuant to §32.1-73.9, §32.1-73.11 and the 2022 Appropriations Act, the Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) advisory council, which was set to sunset July 1, 2022, is continued.

The advisory council is awaiting appointment of four members from the House of Delegates by the Speaker of the House. New appointees are needed due to the 2022 election of members to the House of Delegates. While awaiting new appointees, no advisory council meetings were held and no other council activities took place in calendar year 2022. This summary serves as the required annual report to the General Assembly.