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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Luke E. Torian
Chair, House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable L. Louise Lucas
Chair, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee

Michael Maul
Director, Department of Planning and Budget

FROM: Steve Ford
Director, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services

SUBJECT: The Cover Virginia Central Processing Unit: A Report to the Virginia General Assembly – Q3 FY26

This report is submitted in compliance with Item 292.N.2. of the 2025 Appropriation Act, which states:

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Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (804) 664-2660.

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Enclosure

Pc: The Honorable Marvin B. Figueroa, Secretary of Health and Human Resources

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Background

Cover Virginia provides Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility and enrollment information and services.

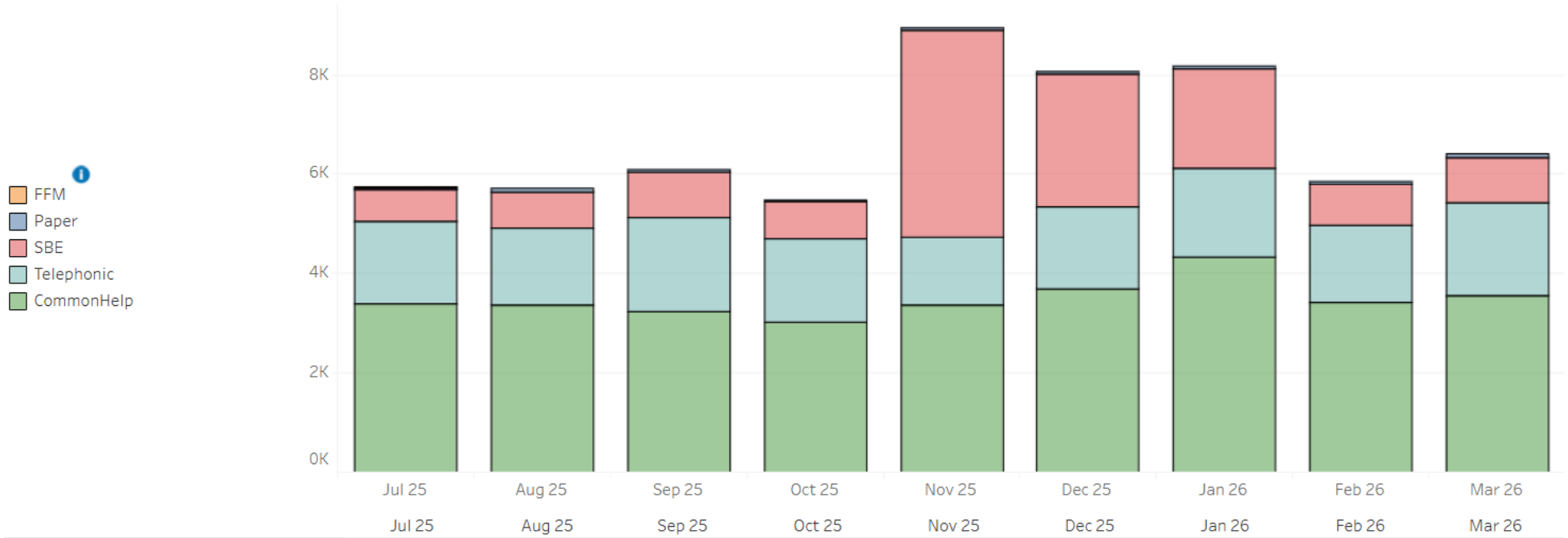
Cover Virginia includes the statewide call center, which accepts telephonic applications and renewals for Virginia's Medicaid and CHIP programs and provides general information and guidance to callers. The Central Processing Unit (CPU) processes thousands of Medicaid applications and screens all applications received by phone, online, and referred from the State Based Exchange. The Cover Virginia Incarcerated Unit (CVIU) is a specialized unit that works in collaboration with the Department of Corrections (DOC), local and regional jails, and the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to accept, process, and maintain applications for justice-involved populations in Virginia.

Users can access the Cover Virginia dashboard on the DMAS website to view costs, total calls, and data on specialized populations, with the option to filter results by state fiscal year. (Access the dashboard at the General Assembly Reports page on the DMAS website <https://dmas.virginia.gov/data-reporting/general-assembly-reports/cover-virginia-dashboard/>).

Table 1, Applications by Source, July 2025 – March 2026

See endnotes 1-3

Applications Received by Source



	Jul 25	Aug 25	Sep 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26
Grand Total	5,758	5,711	6,101	5,491	8,958	8,077	8,165	5,849	6,403
CommonHelp Applications	3,386	3,376	3,227	3,007	3,362	3,682	4,342	3,427	3,548
Telephonic Applications	1,662	1,539	1,897	1,695	1,377	1,675	1,772	1,551	1,870
State Based Exchange (SBE) Applications	655	727	905	742	4,148	2,666	1,998	808	919
Paper Applications	54	69	72	47	71	54	53	63	66
Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) Applications	1								

Table 2, Cover Virginia CPU Expenditures

Quarterly Cover Virginia Costs ¹

SFY26 Q3	Cover VA Central Processing Unit	\$ 1,962,211
	Cover VA Call Center	\$ 5,570,600
	Cover VA Incarcerated Unit - Eligibility	\$ 366,711
	Cover VA Incarcerated Unit - Call Center	\$ 337,191
	Total Paid	\$ 8,236,713
SFY26 Q2	Cover VA Central Processing Unit	\$ 2,222,561
	Cover VA Call Center	\$ 4,696,023
	Cover VA Incarcerated Unit - Eligibility	\$ 365,390
	Cover VA Incarcerated Unit - Call Center	\$ 317,228
	Total Paid	\$ 7,601,203
SFY26 Q1	Cover VA Central Processing Unit	\$ 1,973,706
	Cover VA Call Center	\$ 5,079,118
	Cover VA Incarcerated Unit - Eligibility	\$ 369,101
	Cover VA Incarcerated Unit - Call Center	\$ 340,516
	Total Paid	\$ 7,762,442

Notes

1. The data in this Dashboard is from the official Cover Virginia Monthly Operations Report.
2. Volumes during November, December and January are typically elevated due to the Virginia Marketplace's Open Enrollment period.
3. The Virginia Marketplace, the Commonwealth's State-Based Exchange (SBE), launched on November 1, 2023. As a result, applications that may have previously been received from the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) began to originate from the SBE. A small number of FFM applications continue to be received after the transition to the State-Based Exchange.

About DMAS and Medicaid

The mission of the Virginia Medicaid agency is to improve the health and well-being of Virginians through access to high-quality health care coverage. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) administers Virginia's Medicaid and CHIP programs for over 2 million Virginians. Members have access to primary and specialty health services, inpatient care, dental, behavioral health as well as addiction and recovery treatment services. In addition, Medicaid long-term services and supports enable thousands of Virginians to remain in their homes or to access residential and nursing home care.

Medicaid members historically have included children, pregnant women, parents and caretakers, older adults, and individuals with disabilities. In 2019, Virginia expanded the Medicaid eligibility rules to make health care coverage available to more than 600,000 newly eligible, low-income adults.

Medicaid and CHIP (known in Virginia as Family Access to Medical Insurance Security, or FAMIS) are jointly funded by Virginia and the federal government under Title XIX and Title XXI of the Social Security Act. Virginia generally receives an approximate dollar-for-dollar federal spending match in the Medicaid program. Medicaid expansion qualifies the Commonwealth for a federal funding match of no less than 90% for newly eligible adults, generating cost savings that benefit the overall state budget.