

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered 13,*
3 *consisting of sections numbered 32.1-73.5 and 32.1-73.6, relating to statewide asthma management.*

4 [S 490]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered**
8 **13, consisting of sections numbered 32.1-73.5 and 32.1-73.6, as follows:**

9 *Article 13.*10 *Statewide Asthma Management*11 *§ 32.1-73.5. Comprehensive statewide asthma management plan.*

12 *A. Using such funds as may be appropriated therefor, the Commissioner shall develop, maintain, and*
13 *revise biennially a written comprehensive state plan for (i) reducing the rate of hospitalizations due to*
14 *asthma, and (ii) facilitating the effective management of persons with asthma residing in the*
15 *Commonwealth. The plan shall address, but shall not be limited to, disease surveillance and*
16 *investigation, public and professional education, identification and replication of best practices for*
17 *public health and clinical interventions, public and private partnerships with health care providers,*
18 *third-party payors, local school divisions, and community coalitions, and identification of sources of*
19 *grant funding. The plan shall place primary emphasis on, but not be limited to, children between the*
20 *ages of birth and eighteen years.*

21 *B. In order to develop the comprehensive state plan, the Commissioner shall consult with*
22 *representatives of the medical, nursing, pharmacy and allied health professions, public health agencies,*
23 *community coalition leaders, insurers, hospital personnel, the Department of Education and local school*
24 *divisions, and other appropriate entities.*

25 *§ 32.1-73.6. Implementation of state asthma management programs.*

26 *A. Using such funds as may be appropriated for this purpose, the Commissioner shall implement*
27 *programs to meet the objectives of the statewide asthma management plan. The Commissioner shall*
28 *assure, to the extent feasible and appropriate, that existing Department programs, systems, and*
29 *infrastructure are efficiently utilized as a basis for implementation.*

30 *B. The Board shall promulgate regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of the statewide*
31 *asthma management plan.*

32 *C. The Commissioner shall report periodically to the Board concerning (i) the development and*
33 *implementation of the statewide asthma management plan and (ii) the effectiveness of the Department*
34 *programs in reducing the rate of hospitalizations due to asthma in the Commonwealth and facilitating*
35 *more effective management of asthma.*

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