

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 32.1 a section*  
3 *numbered 32.1-331.05, relating to Department of Medical Assistance Services; coordinated specialty*  
4 *care; work group established.*

5 [H 1193]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 32.1 a**  
9 **section numbered 32.1-331.05 as follows:**

10 **§ 32.1-331.05. Coordinated specialty care; work group.**

11 *A. The Department shall establish a work group in coordination with the Department of Behavioral*  
12 *Health and Developmental Services to evaluate and make recommendations to improve approaches to*  
13 *early psychosis and mood disorder detection approaches, make program funding recommendations, and*  
14 *recommend a core set of standardized clinical and outcome measures. Early psychosis intervention*  
15 *includes services to youth and young adults who are determined to either be at a clinical high risk for*  
16 *psychosis or are experiencing a first episode of psychosis.*

17 *B. The work group shall include (i) a representative from the Bureau of Insurance; (ii) a*  
18 *representative from the Department of Health Professions; (iii) a representative from the Department of*  
19 *Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; (iv) a psychiatrist with working knowledge of*  
20 *first-episode psychosis and coordinated specialty care; (v) a mental health clinician with working*  
21 *knowledge of first-episode psychosis and coordinated specialty care; (vi) a support services specialist*  
22 *with experience in supported education and employment; (vii) a representative of a state, regional, or*  
23 *local mental health advocacy group as recommended by such group; (viii) an individual who has*  
24 *experienced psychosis or a family member of an individual who has experienced psychosis; and (ix) up*  
25 *to three representatives of health insurance issuers or managed care organizations operating in the*  
26 *Commonwealth as recommended by such issuers or organizations.*

27 *C. The work group shall develop a five-year strategic plan to accomplish the following objectives:*

- 28 *1. Enhance services to existing coordinated specialty care programs;*  
29 *2. Expand early psychosis intervention in underserved areas of the Commonwealth;*  
30 *3. Develop a strategy to identify and apply for funds from individual foundations and federal and*  
31 *state sources and disburse those funds; and*  
32 *4. Develop a strategy to advance the goals and utilization of coordinated specialty care for Medicaid*  
33 *beneficiaries and individuals who are privately insured.*

34 *The strategic plan shall identify current coordinated specialty care programs in the Commonwealth*  
35 *and include information on how they are funded, how many individuals use the current programs, and*  
36 *the insurance status of the programs. As used in this section, "coordinated specialty care" means a*  
37 *team-based service provided to a person for treatment of first-episode psychosis that is composed of*  
38 *case management, family support and education, pharmacotherapy and medication management,*  
39 *individual and group psychotherapy, supported education and employment, coordination with primary*  
40 *care, and outreach and recruitment activities.*

41 *D. The work group shall meet to produce an initial five-year plan report to the General Assembly no*  
42 *later than November 1, 2022, and then provide annual updates to the five-year strategic plan beginning*  
43 *November 1, 2023.*