

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

## CHAPTER 12

*An Act to direct the Department of Medical Assistance Services to study options for and develop a plan to implement a process to allow direct purchase of over-the-counter medications and medical supplies; report.*

[H 1046]

Approved August 4, 2022

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

**1.** *§ 1. That the Department of Medical Assistance Services (the Department) shall study options for and develop a plan to implement a process by which recipients of medical assistance services shall receive payments, in the form of a voucher or electronic benefit transfer card, that may be used to purchase over-the-counter medications and medical supplies prescribed by an authorized prescriber directly in a retail setting. Such plan shall include identification of any statutory, regulatory, budgetary, or policy changes and any federal approvals necessary to implement such plan, as well as an estimate of the fiscal impact of implementation of the plan. Such plan shall also include provisions to prevent fraud and misuse of funds made available via vouchers or electronic benefit transfer card. The Department shall report its findings and plan to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health by December 1, 2022.*