



Board Policy #17

TITLE: Use of GO Virginia Funds for the Healthcare Sector

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 4, 2024

AUTHORITY: § 2.2-2486 - §2.2-2489 of the Code of Virginia

POLICY STATEMENT: It is the policy of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board that Per Capita funds may be used to support the healthcare industry if a region can demonstrate that a lack of adequate healthcare services is negatively impacting its ability to grow one or more traded sector industry clusters defined in their Growth and Diversification Plan. The Board supports investments in workforce development as a means of addressing the service deficiency.

Regions requesting to use their Per Capita funds for this purpose must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The region must describe and document that the lack of healthcare services is affecting its ability to grow one or more of the industry clusters defined in its plan.
- 2) The majority of the participating localities (by population) have been designated as a Geographic Healthcare Professional Shortage Area¹ by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- 3) The effort is focused on expanding the pool of qualified workers in one or more of the occupations identified on the Virginia High Demand Occupation List (VOEE Career Clusters – Health Science) as defined by the Virginia Office of Education Economics.²
- 4) The region can demonstrate that there is not sufficient capacity to train workers for those occupations.

Approved projects must align with the GO Virginia program grant evaluation criteria – regional collaboration, economic impact, project readiness, and sustainability - and deliver one or more of the core performance outcomes for workforce development projects as defined by the Board.

This policy directs DHCD to develop final administrative guidance no later than July 1, 2024.

APPROVAL AND REVIEW: This Board policy was reviewed and approved on June 4, 2024.

SUPERSESION: This Board policy is new.

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¹ Source: <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/hpsa-find>

² Source: <https://voee.org/virginia-2024-high-demand-occupations-dashboard/>