Ensuring That Every Virginian Has Access to Quality, Affordable Health Care

THE PLAN

As Virginia’s next governor, Terry will fight to make sure all Virginians have access to quality, affordable health care coverage and that no Virginian is forced to choose between medication or a meal. Terry will address racial, gender, and geographic disparities in access to coverage and outcomes by strengthening Medicaid, working with the federal government to implement a reinsurance program to lower health insurance premiums, protecting reproductive freedoms, and combating rising prescription drug prices by holding pharmaceutical companies accountable. As governor, Terry will also work to end unacceptable maternal mortality rates for Black women by expanding home visiting programs, improving access to quality care, ensuring access to lactation support, and mandating mental health screenings for pregnant and postpartum women.

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• Implement a state reinsurance program to lower premiums and increase assistance for Virginians who can’t afford their premiums.
• Combat maternal mortality rates for Black women by expanding home visiting services, access to quality care, ensuring access to lactation support and mandating mental health screenings.
• Enshrine Roe v. Wade in Virginia’s constitution and increase access to contraceptive care.
• Lower prescription drug costs by passing a Prescription Drug Sunlight Law, setting price limits on certain drugs, and holding big Pharma accountable.
• Increase funding for mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

TERRY’S RECORD

As Virginia’s 72nd Governor, Terry stood as a “brick wall” in defense of Virginians’ reproductive freedoms, vetoing all anti-reproductive rights bills and signing legislation allowing Virginians to obtain a full year of contraceptives at once. Terry also laid the groundwork for the successful passage of Medicaid expansion by building his final budget proposal around the $421.7 million in estimated savings from expanding Medicaid and securing the critical hospital provider assessment. Terry’s “A Healthy Virginia” plan extended coverage to tens of thousands of Virginians for services such as dental care, mental health services, and substance use disorders.