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Online Medicaid application now on Virginia Easy Access Web portal

An online Medicaid application is now available on *Virginia Easy Access*, at www.easyaccess.virginia.gov, a Web site designed to help seniors and adults with disabilities find information and services to meet their long-term support needs. [The online application](#) was designed and developed in a collaborative effort among the Virginia Department for the Aging, the Virginia Department of Social Services and the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services. VDA Commissioner Linda Nablo, VDSS Commissioner Anthony Conyers Jr. and DMAS Director Patrick Finnerty made the announcement today.

The online application makes it easier for seniors, individuals with disabilities and their families to apply for Medicaid services using a new streamlined application that is shorter, easier to understand and can be submitted online to [local departments of social services](#).

Individuals and families can complete the application at their convenience, 24 hours a day, in the comfort of their homes. Once the applicant electronically completes the form and hits "send," the local department of social services will receive automated notice that a new application for Medicaid has been submitted, and the process to determine eligibility can begin.

This new online application will also allow many local private and public agencies to assist individuals and families complete the form. The electronic Medicaid application is an important step toward a larger effort to streamline Virginia's long-term support system.

There are approximately 235,000 low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities in Virginia – 17 percent of whom also meet the eligibility requirements for Medicaid-funded long-term care services – who can benefit from the new application.

The project was funded by the Productivity Investment Fund (PIF), a collaborative effort of the Secretaries of Administration, Finance and Technology. The mission of the PIF is to partner with Virginia agencies to identify, catalyze and implement innovative solutions which enable a simpler and more effective government for the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

For more information, visit www.easyaccess.virginia.gov.

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