



## House Select Committee on Advancing Rural and Small Town Health Care

Delegate Rodney T. Willett, Chair  
Thursday, September 10, 2026 1:00p.m.

James Madison University College of Health and Behavioral Studies  
235 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Harrisonburg, VA 22807, Room 5040  
Commission Website:

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/678>

- I. Welcome and Introductions  
*Dr. Jim Schmidt, President, James Madison University*  
*Delegate Rodney Willett, Chair*  
*Senator Barbara Favola, Chair, Senate Education and Health Committee*  
*Delegate Israel O'Quinn, Vice Chair*
- II. Consideration of Committee Policy for Electronic Meetings Held under § 2.2-3708.3 of the Code of Virginia  
*Chandler Brooks, Legislative Counsel, Division of Legislative Services*
- III. Presentation  
*Marvin B. Figueroa, Secretary of Health and Human Resources*
- IV. Medicaid Overview and Next Steps, Next Challenges  
*Steve Ford, Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services*  
*Elizabeth Dervan, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services*
- V. The 340B Program and Its Current and Future Impacts on Virginia Health Care  
*David Christian, RPh, Pharmacy Director, Central Virginia Health Services*  
*Michael Jackson, MPH, CFE, Director of Government and Legislative Affairs, Virginia Community Healthcare Association*  
*Kristin Parde, Deputy Vice President for State Advocacy, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)*
- VI. Rural Health Transformation Update  
*Heidi Hertz, Director, Rural Health Transformation*
- VII. Member Discussion and Public Comment
- VIII. Adjourn

The Committee will tour various healthcare facilities on Wednesday, September 9 and Thursday, September 10. Due to space limitations, and in compliance with HIPAA regulations, these tours will not be open to the public. No committee business will be discussed.

### Committee Members

Del. Rodney Willett (Chair)  
Del. Nadarius Clark  
Del. Joshua G. Cole  
Del. Amy J. Laufer  
Del. Rozia A. Henson Jr.  
Del. Garrett McGuire

Del. Israel D. O'Quinn (Vice-Chair)  
Del. Lily V. Franklin  
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