

FOUNDATION FOR
GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY

Virginia Medicaid Expansion Poll

469 Likely Virginia Voters

March 7 – 9, 2014

The Foundation for Government Accountability commissioned a poll executed by Action Point Campaigns of 469 likely voters in the Commonwealth of Virginia between March 7, 2014 and March 9 2014. Likely voters were defined as having participated in three or more of the last four statewide elections and were randomly selected for participation from a database of registered voters. The poll was conducted using interactive voice response (IVR) automated telephone calls and has a margin of error of 4.5 percent

Foundation for Government Accountability

15275 Collier Blvd.

Suite 201-279

Naples, Florida 34119

239.244.8809

www.TheFGA.org

TOPLINE RESULTS

Question 1

The Legislature and Governor are deciding whether or not to expand Virginia's Medicaid program to give taxpayer-funded Medicaid health coverage to 400,000 mostly working-age, non-disabled adults with no kids. Knowing this, do you support or oppose expanding Medicaid in Virginia?

All Likely Voters	
Support Medicaid Expansion	42%
Oppose Medicaid Expansion	40.94%
Undecided	13.22%
No Opinion	3.84%

Question 2

If you knew Medicaid expansion was a key part of ObamaCare, or the federal Affordable Care Act, would you be more or less likely to support expanding Medicaid in Virginia?

All Likely Voters	
More Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	38.38%
Less Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	46.91%
Does Not Affect Opinion	11.3%
Undecided	3.41%

Question 3

If you knew ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion was mostly paid for by cutting \$716 billion from seniors' Medicare program, would you be more or less likely to support Medicaid expansion?

All Likely Voters	
More Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	18.55%
Less Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	64.61%
Does Not Affect Opinion	10.23%
Do Not Know	6.61%

Question 4

If you knew that almost 1 in 3 Virginians eligible for ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion are former prison inmates, would you be more or less likely to support Medicaid expansion?

All Likely Voters	
More Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	23.45%
Less Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	55.65%
Does Not Affect Opinion	14.29%
Do Not Know	6.61%

Question 5

If Virginia were to implement ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion, how likely do you think it is that your personal health care costs will increase?

All Likely Voters	
Very Likely to Increase	56.93%
Somewhat Likely to Increase	15.78%
Somewhat Unlikely to Increase	13.01%
Not at All Likely to Increase	5.97%
Do Not Know	8.32%

Question 6

If you knew implementing ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion in Virginia could result in funding cuts to education, infrastructure and public safety, would you be more or less likely to support Medicaid expansion?

All Likely Voters	
More Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	16.63%
Less Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	61.62%
Does Not Affect Opinion	15.57%
Do Not Know	6.18%

Question 7

Some Virginia legislators have called for reforms to the current Medicaid program—which costs state taxpayers more than \$4 billion a year—before the state should consider Medicaid expansion. Do you think Virginia should reform its current Medicaid program first, or expand Medicaid under ObamaCare without reforms?

All Likely Voters	
Expand Medicaid Before Making Any Reforms to the Program	37.95%
Reform the Current Medicaid Program First, Before Considering Expansion	42.64%
Do Not Know	15.35%
No Opinion	4.05%

Question 8

Republican members of the Virginia House of Delegates have put forth a state budget proposal that funds government services but does not implement ObamaCare’s Medicaid expansion. Do you support or oppose the Republican House members’ decision to offer a state budget without Medicaid expansion?

All Likely Voters	
Support the Decision	45.63%
Oppose the Decision	37.53%
No Opinion	8.74%
Do Not Know	8.1%

Question 9

Governor Terry McAuliffe has indicated he would rather shut down Virginia state government than sign a budget that does not implement ObamaCare’s Medicaid expansion. Would you support or oppose Governor McAuliffe’s government shutdown?

All Likely Voters	
Support the State Government Shutdown	29.64%
Oppose the State Government Shutdown	56.5%
No Opinion	6.8%
Do Not Know	7.04%

Question 10

Would you be more or less likely to vote to reelect your current legislator if he or she supported ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion in Virginia?

All Likely Voters	
More Likely to Vote to Reelect	32.84%
Less Likely to Vote to Reelect	53.3%
Does Not Affect Vote	7.25%
Do Not Know	6.61%

CROSSTABS

Question 1

The Legislature and Governor are deciding whether or not to expand Virginia's Medicaid program to give taxpayer-funded Medicaid health coverage to 400,000 mostly working-age, non-disabled adults with no kids. Knowing this, do you support or oppose expanding Medicaid in Virginia?

All Likely Voters	
Support Medicaid Expansion	42%
Oppose Medicaid Expansion	40.94%
Undecided	13.22%
No Opinion	3.84%

By Gender			
Men		Women	
Support Medicaid Expansion	42.22%	Support Medicaid Expansion	41.8%
Oppose Medicaid Expansion	42.67%	Oppose Medicaid Expansion	39.34%
Undecided	12.89%	Undecided	13.52%
No Opinion	2.22%	No Opinion	5.33%

By Age					
35 and Under		36-55		55 and Over	
Support Expansion	50.72%	Support Expansion	46.73%	Support Expansion	38.23%
Oppose Expansion	37.68%	Oppose Expansion	39.25%	Oppose Expansion	42.32%
Undecided	8.7%	Undecided	10.28%	Undecided	15.36%
No Opinion	2.9%	No Opinion	3.74%	No Opinion	4.1%

Political Party					
Likely Democratic		Likely Republican		Likely Independent	
Support Expansion	67.71%	Support Expansion	20.6%	Support Expansion	43.18%
Oppose Expansion	18.75%	Oppose Expansion	61.8%	Oppose Expansion	27.27%
Undecided	9.38%	Undecided	15.45%	Undecided	18.18%
No Opinion	4.17%	No Opinion	2.15%	No Opinion	11.36%

Question 2

If you knew Medicaid expansion was a key part of ObamaCare, or the federal Affordable Care Act, would you be more or less likely to support expanding Medicaid in Virginia?

All Likely Voters	
More Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	38.38%
Less Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	46.91%
Does Not Affect Opinion	11.3%
Undecided	3.41%

By Gender					
Men			Women		
More Likely to Support Expansion	38.67%		More Likely to Support Expansion	38.11%	
Less Likely to Support Expansion	48.44%		Less Likely to Support Expansion	45.49%	
Does Not Affect Opinion	9.33%		Does Not Affect Opinion	13.11%	
Undecided	3.56%		Undecided	3.28%	

By Age					
35 and Under		36-55		55 and Over	
More Likely to Support Expansion	43.48%	More Likely to Support Expansion	35.51%	More Likely to Support Expansion	38.23%
Less Likely to Support Expansion	39.13%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	45.79%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	49.15%
Does Not Affect Opinion	14.49%	Does Not Affect Opinion	16.82%	Does Not Affect Opinion	8.53%
Undecided	2.9%	Undecided	1.87%	Undecided	4.1%

Political Party					
Likely Democratic		Likely Republican		Likely Independent	
More Likely to Support Expansion	63.02%	More Likely to Support Expansion	16.31%	More Likely to Support Expansion	47.73%
Less Likely to Support Expansion	21.88%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	71.24%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	27.27%
Does Not Affect Opinion	11.46%	Does Not Affect Opinion	9.87%	Does Not Affect Opinion	18.18%
Undecided	3.65%	Undecided	2.58%	Undecided	6.82%

Question 3

If you knew ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion was mostly paid for by cutting \$716 billion from seniors' Medicare program, would you be more or less likely to support Medicaid expansion?

All Likely Voters	
More Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	18.55%
Less Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	64.61%
Does Not Affect Opinion	10.23%
Do Not Know	6.61%

By Gender					
Men			Women		
More Likely to Support Expansion	20%		More Likely to Support Expansion	17.21%	
Less Likely to Support Expansion	64.44%		Less Likely to Support Expansion	64.75%	
Does Not Affect Opinion	8%		Does Not Affect Opinion	12.3%	
Do Not Know	7.56%		Do Not Know	5.74%	

By Age					
35 and Under		36-55		55 and Over	
More Likely to Support Expansion	23.19%	More Likely to Support Expansion	18.69%	More Likely to Support Expansion	17.41%
Less Likely to Support Expansion	57.97%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	62.62%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	66.89%
Does Not Affect Opinion	11.59%	Does Not Affect Opinion	14.95%	Does Not Affect Opinion	8.19%
Do Not Know	7.25%	Do Not Know	3.74%	Do Not Know	7.51%

Political Party					
Likely Democratic		Likely Republican		Likely Independent	
More Likely to Support Expansion	28.65%	More Likely to Support Expansion	10.73%	More Likely to Support Expansion	15.91%
Less Likely to Support Expansion	43.23%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	82.4%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	63.64%
Does Not Affect Opinion	15.1%	Does Not Affect Opinion	5.58%	Does Not Affect Opinion	13.64%
Do Not Know	13.02%	Do Not Know	1.29%	Do Not Know	6.82%

Question 4

If you knew that almost 1 in 3 Virginians eligible for ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion are former prison inmates, would you be more or less likely to support Medicaid expansion?

All Likely Voters	
More Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	23.45%
Less Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	55.65%
Does Not Affect Opinion	14.29%
Do Not Know	6.61%

By Gender					
Men			Women		
More Likely to Support Expansion	24%		More Likely to Support Expansion	22.95%	
Less Likely to Support Expansion	55.11%		Less Likely to Support Expansion	56.15%	
Does Not Affect Opinion	13.78%		Does Not Affect Opinion	14.75%	
Do Not Know	7.11%		Do Not Know	6.15%	

By Age					
35 and Under		36-55		55 and Over	
More Likely to Support Expansion	28.99%	More Likely to Support Expansion	27.1%	More Likely to Support Expansion	20.82%
Less Likely to Support Expansion	44.93%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	57.01%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	57.68%
Does Not Affect Opinion	18.84%	Does Not Affect Opinion	14.02%	Does Not Affect Opinion	13.31%
Do Not Know	7.25%	Do Not Know	1.87%	Do Not Know	8.19%

Political Party					
Likely Democratic		Likely Republican		Likely Independent	
More Likely to Support Expansion	38.02%	More Likely to Support Expansion	11.16%	More Likely to Support Expansion	25%
Less Likely to Support Expansion	33.33%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	74.25%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	54.55%
Does Not Affect Opinion	18.75%	Does Not Affect Opinion	10.73%	Does Not Affect Opinion	13.64%
Do Not Know	9.9%	Do Not Know	3.86%	Do Not Know	6.82%

Question 5

If Virginia were to implement ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion, how likely do you think it is that your personal health care costs will increase?

All Likely Voters	
Very Likely to Increase	56.93%
Somewhat Likely to Increase	15.78%
Somewhat Unlikely to Increase	13.01%
Not at All Likely to Increase	5.97%
Do Not Know	8.32%

By Gender					
Men			Women		
Very Likely to Increase	58.22%		Very Likely to Increase	55.74%	
Somewhat Likely to Increase	15.56%		Somewhat Likely to Increase	15.98%	
Somewhat Unlikely to Increase	12%		Somewhat Unlikely to Increase	13.93%	
Not at All Likely to Increase	6.22%		Not at All Likely to Increase	5.74%	
Do Not Know	8%		Do Not Know	8.61%	

By Age					
35 and Under		36-55		55 and Over	
Very Likely to Increase	53.62%	Very Likely to Increase	58.88%	Very Likely to Increase	57%
Somewhat Likely to Increase	14.49%	Somewhat Likely to Increase	14.95%	Somewhat Likely to Increase	16.3%
Somewhat Unlikely to Increase	17.39%	Somewhat Unlikely to Increase	12.15%	Somewhat Unlikely to Increase	12.29%
Not at All Likely to Increase	4.35%	Not at All Likely to Increase	8.41%	Not at All Likely to Increase	5.46%
Do Not Know	10.14%	Do Not Know	5.61%	Do Not Know	8.87%

Political Party					
Likely Democratic		Likely Republican		Likely Independent	
Very Likely to Increase	30.73%	Very Likely to Increase	78.54%	Very Likely to Increase	56.82%
Somewhat Likely to Increase	25.52%	Somewhat Likely to Increase	8.58%	Somewhat Likely to Increase	11.36%
Somewhat Unlikely to Increase	21.35%	Somewhat Unlikely to Increase	5.15%	Somewhat Unlikely to Increase	18.18%
Not at All Likely to Increase	8.33%	Not at All Likely to Increase	3.43%	Not at All Likely to Increase	9.09%
Do Not Know	14.06%	Do Not Know	4.29%	Do Not Know	4.55%

Question 6

If you knew implementing ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion in Virginia could result in funding cuts to education, infrastructure and public safety, would you be more or less likely to support Medicaid expansion?

All Likely Voters	
More Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	16.63%
Less Likely to Support Medicaid Expansion	61.62%
Does Not Affect Opinion	15.57%
Do Not Know	6.18%

By Gender					
Men			Women		
More Likely to Support Expansion	17.33%		More Likely to Support Expansion	15.98%	
Less Likely to Support Expansion	61.78%		Less Likely to Support Expansion	61.48%	
Does Not Affect Opinion	14.22%		Does Not Affect Opinion	16.8%	
Do Not Know	6.67%		Do Not Know	5.74%	

By Age					
35 and Under		36-55		55 and Over	
More Likely to Support Expansion	21.74%	More Likely to Support Expansion	21.5%	More Likely to Support Expansion	13.65%
Less Likely to Support Expansion	57.97%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	61.68%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	62.46%
Does Not Affect Opinion	13.04%	Does Not Affect Opinion	12.15%	Does Not Affect Opinion	17.41%
Do Not Know	7.25%	Do Not Know	4.67%	Do Not Know	6.48%

Political Party					
Likely Democratic		Likely Republican		Likely Independent	
More Likely to Support Expansion	25%	More Likely to Support Expansion	9.01%	More Likely to Support Expansion	20.45%
Less Likely to Support Expansion	42.71%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	78.54%	Less Likely to Support Expansion	54.55%
Does Not Affect Opinion	23.44%	Does Not Affect Opinion	8.58%	Does Not Affect Opinion	18.18%
Do Not Know	8.85%	Do Not Know	3.86%	Do Not Know	6.82%

Question 7

Some Virginia legislators have called for reforms to the current Medicaid program—which costs state taxpayers more than \$4 billion a year—before the state should consider Medicaid expansion. Do you think Virginia should reform its current Medicaid program first, or expand Medicaid under ObamaCare without reforms?

All Likely Voters	
Expand Medicaid Before Making Any Reforms to the Program	37.95%
Reform the Current Medicaid Program First, Before Considering Expansion	42.64%
Do Not Know	15.35%
No Opinion	4.05%

By Gender					
Men			Women		
Expand Before Making Any Reforms to the Program	32.44%		Expand Before Making Any Reforms to the Program	43.03%	
Reform the Current Medicaid Program First, Before Considering Expansion	47.56%		Reform the Current Program First, Before Considering Expansion	38.11%	
Do Not Know	15.56%		Do Not Know	15.16%	
No Opinion	4.44%		No Opinion	3.69%	

By Age					
35 and Under		36-55		55 and Over	
Expand Before Making Any Reforms to the Program	34.78%	Expand Before Making Any Reforms to the Program	42.99%	Expand Before Making Any Reforms to the Program	36.86%
Reform the Current Program First, Before Considering Expansion	46.38%	Reform the Current Program First, Before Considering Expansion	45.79%	Reform the Current Program First, Before Considering Expansion	40.61%
Do Not Know	11.59%	Do Not Know	9.35%	Do Not Know	18.43%
No Opinion	7.25%	No Opinion	1.87%	No Opinion	4.1%

Political Party					
Likely Democratic		Likely Republican		Likely Independent	
Expand Before Making Any Reforms to the Program	48.44%	Expand Before Making Any Reforms to the Program	29.61%	Expand Before Making Any Reforms to the Program	36.36%
Reform the Current Program First, Before Considering Expansion	30.21%	Reform the Current Program First, Before Considering Expansion	54.08%	Reform the Current Program First, Before Considering Expansion	36.36%
Do Not Know	15.63%	Do Not Know	14.16%	Do Not Know	20.45%
No Opinion	5.73%	No Opinion	2.15%	No Opinion	6.82%

Question 8

Republican members of the Virginia House of Delegates have put forth a state budget proposal that funds government services but does not implement ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion. Do you support or oppose the Republican House members' decision to offer a state budget without Medicaid expansion?

All Likely Voters	
Support the Decision	45.63%
Oppose the Decision	37.53%
No Opinion	8.74%
Do Not Know	8.1%

By Gender					
Men			Women		
Support the Decision	47.11%		Support the Decision	44.26%	
Oppose the Decision	34.67%		Oppose the Decision	40.16%	
No Opinion	10.67%		No Opinion	6.97%	
Do Not Know	7.56%		Do Not Know	8.61%	

By Age					
35 and Under		36-55		55 and Over	
Support the Decision	37.68%	Support the Decision	45.79%	Support the Decision	47.44%
Oppose the Decision	43.48%	Oppose the Decision	40.19%	Oppose the Decision	35.15%
No Opinion	11.59%	No Opinion	8.41%	No Opinion	8.19%
Do Not Know	7.25%	Do Not Know	5.61%	Do Not Know	9.22%

Political Party					
Likely Democratic		Likely Republican		Likely Independent	
Support the Decision	22.92%	Support the Decision	67.38%	Support the Decision	29.55%
Oppose the Decision	59.9%	Oppose the Decision	18.45%	Oppose the Decision	40.91%
No Opinion	7.29%	No Opinion	7.3%	No Opinion	22.73%
Do Not Know	9.9%	Do Not Know	6.87%	Do Not Know	6.82%

Question 9

Governor Terry McAuliffe has indicated he would rather shut down Virginia state government than sign a budget that does not implement ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion. Would you support or oppose Governor McAuliffe's government shutdown?

All Likely Voters	
Support the State Government Shutdown	29.64%
Oppose the State Government Shutdown	56.5%
No Opinion	6.8%
Do Not Know	7.04%

By Gender					
Men			Women		
Support the Shutdown	31.56%		Support the Shutdown	27.87%	
Oppose the Shutdown	56.89%		Oppose the Shutdown	56.15%	
No Opinion	5.33%		No Opinion	8.2%	
Do Not Know	6.22%		Do Not Know	7.79%	

By Age					
35 and Under		36-55		55 and Over	
Support the Shutdown	37.68%	Support the Shutdown	30.84%	Support the Shutdown	27.3%
Oppose the Shutdown	49.28%	Oppose the Shutdown	59.81%	Oppose the Shutdown	57%
No Opinion	11.59%	No Opinion	5.61%	No Opinion	6.14%
Do Not Know	1.45%	Do Not Know	3.74%	Do Not Know	3.74%

Political Party					
Likely Democratic		Likely Republican		Likely Independent	
Support the Shutdown	44.27%	Support the Shutdown	19.74%	Support the Shutdown	18.18%
Oppose the Shutdown	39.58%	Oppose the Shutdown	69.96%	Oppose the Shutdown	59.09%
No Opinion	9.38%	No Opinion	3%	No Opinion	15.91%
Do Not Know	6.77%	Do Not Know	7.3%	Do Not Know	6.82%

Question 10

Would you be more or less likely to vote to reelect your current legislator if he or she supported ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion in Virginia?

All Likely Voters	
More Likely to Vote to Reelect	32.84%
Less Likely to Vote to Reelect	53.3%
Does Not Affect Vote	7.25%
Do Not Know	6.61%

By Gender					
Men			Women		
More Likely to Vote to Reelect	32%		More Likely to Vote to Reelect	33.61%	
Less Likely to Vote to Reelect	56.44%		Less Likely to Vote to Reelect	50.41%	
Does Not Affect Vote	5.78%		Does Not Affect Vote	8.61%	
Do Not Know	5.78%		Do Not Know	7.38%	

By Age					
35 and Under		36-55		55 and Over	
More Likely to Vote to Reelect	40.58%	More Likely to Vote to Reelect	37.38%	More Likely to Vote to Reelect	29.35%
Less Likely to Vote to Reelect	47.83%	Less Likely to Vote to Reelect	55.14%	Less Likely to Vote to Reelect	53.92%
Does Not Affect Vote	7.25%	Does Not Affect Vote	6.54%	Does Not Affect Vote	7.51%
Do Not Know	4.35%	Do Not Know	0.93%	Do Not Know	9.22%

Political Party					
Likely Democratic		Likely Republican		Likely Independent	
More Likely to Vote to Reelect	56.25%	More Likely to Vote to Reelect	14.16%	More Likely to Vote to Reelect	29.55%
Less Likely to Vote to Reelect	28.65%	Less Likely to Vote to Reelect	76.39%	Less Likely to Vote to Reelect	38.64%
Does Not Affect Vote	8.85%	Does Not Affect Vote	4.29%	Does Not Affect Vote	15.91%
Do Not Know	6.25%	Do Not Know	5.15%	Do Not Know	15.91%