



Call to Action!

In Support of the Bill for Insurance Coverage for Morbid Obesity

Guidelines for Calling the General Assembly in Support of HB 624

New legislation has been introduced to the General Assembly and has been designated **House Bill 624**. This bill will require insurance carriers to provide for coverage of the treatment of morbid obesity, including weight-loss surgery. Now is the time to **Exercise Your Voice** to the General Assembly and tell them you support **HB 624** by calling the Constituent Viewpoint Messaging Center.

Legislators vote on thousands of issues during each session of the General Assembly. They count on their constituents and lobbyists to provide the information they need to make informed decisions on which position to take. Your role in this effort is to help provide them with the information they need to make a decision that supports weight-loss surgery as a mandated insurance benefit.

When the General Assembly is in session, the House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia jointly operate a toll-free, intrastate telephone message center to accept calls. The messages are received by the center and will be relayed to the members' offices as requested. You do not need to know who your legislators are.

This is extremely easy to do! Make copies of these guidelines for your friends, family, and co-workers, and ask them to call and express their support for **House Bill 624**.

Steps for Calling the Constituent Viewpoint Messaging Center

- 1. Know the bill number.** It is **HB 624**. (HB stands for House Bill.) This is the bill that would mandate insurance coverage for morbid obesity. You can view this bill at:
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?061+ful+HB624+pdf>
- 2. Call the messaging center.** Call the Constituent Viewpoint Messaging Center at **1.800.889.0229** (outside Richmond) or **804.698.1990** (Richmond area) to express your opinion. You will have to provide your name and address to the person answering the call. All you need to do is ask for support of **HB 624**.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Becky Bowers-Lanier at 804.382.0991.

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