

THE PATIENT'S NAVIGATOR

Fall, 2018

Access Now - a program of the Richmond Academy of Medicine



**Total number of patients
seen since
Access Now began**
13,926



**Total current number
of specialty care
volunteers**
949



**Total reported value
of donated care since
Access Now began**
\$44.3 million

For Many, Access Now is the Only Lifeline

A [recent study from Harvard](#) showed that 26 percent of seriously ill patients report being denied some type of needed treatment because of the type of - or lack of - insurance they have.

While nine in ten of these patients have health insurance, about a third said they had problems paying their medical bills.



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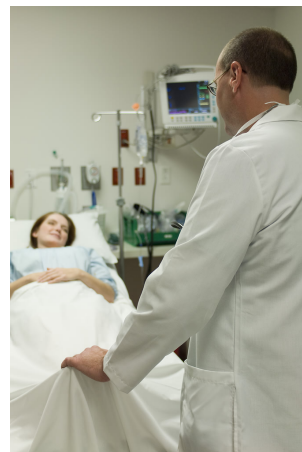
That's where Access Now comes in. More than 900 physicians volunteer their services **free of charge** to provide specialty care for patients in Central Virginia. Often, these patients have nowhere else to turn for the care they so desperately need.

Access Now is able to offer this care because of our physicians and because of the financial generosity of so many donors.

That generosity helps patients like **Matthew Bailey**, who has seen numerous specialists through Access Now. "Access Now and the Goochland Clinic definitely saved my life. I still have a ways to go, but there's a night-and-day difference. My life is changing. I thank the doctors and nurses. And I realize this comes from the generosity of donors. I am grateful for everyone."

Barry Albert was a thankful patient; now he donates to the organization. "I support Access Now

because I have personally had need of their services. It is a great organization that provides much needed help to those individuals with medical needs that do not have insurance and would suffer without Access Now's aid. In truth, it is actually a lifesaving service. I give because much has been given to me and I need to give to others. Access Now is the best place for me to do that."



Access Now ensures patients get the care they need and deserve.

Dr. Ghulam and Mary Jo Qureshi are longtime supporters of Access Now. Their reason for giving is simple: "This is our community. This is where we live. Contributing to the health of our community is the right thing to do."



Dr. and Mrs. Qureshi



Dr. Lippmann

Dr. Quinn Lippmann knows how important Access Now is. "I support Access Now through both donating financially and seeing patients in my office through the program. I see firsthand how important it is to provide a healthcare safety net for the Richmond community and am honored to participate in a program that allows more people access to care."

And **Drs. Lisa and Zach Ellis** also are proud to support Access Now, both clinically and financially. "We believe it is really important that we find the best ways to meet the needs of our patients in the community. Navigating healthcare systems for both preventative and urgent/specialty needs is crucial. We feel it is very important to give back through this Access Now program to help our patients get the best care they need and so well deserve."

Access Now operates with a small staff and seeks maximum return on donations. **In 2017, for every dollar donated, we delivered \$9.95 in specialty-care services.**

Won't you show your support for Access Now? [Donate now](#) and help our patients get the care they deserve.

DONATE NOW



Medicaid Expansion + Access Now = Care for All

On Nov. 1, Virginians who qualify for **Medicaid health insurance coverage** under the state's expansion program began enrolling for coverage beginning in January.

About 400,000 people in the state are newly eligible as Medicaid extends coverage to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, which is up to \$16,754 for an individual or \$28,677 for a family of three annually.

But unfortunately, **there still will be thousands of people who fall through the cracks.** Others may receive Medicaid one year but lose it another. That's where Access Now comes in.

At Access Now, we are building upon lessons learned from the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare) that **access to insurance does not automatically equate to access to care.** As patients lost access to health insurance, they mistakenly believed they were no longer eligible to receive care through the safety net and became lost to care. We are currently educating clients to come back in the event they lose Medicaid coverage.

We'll be here to ensure that Central Virginians always get the care they need.

Look for Access Now in the RTD

Be sure to pick up the Richmond Times-Dispatch on **Sunday, Nov. 25.** Access Now's full-page ad will thank the dedicated physicians and community partners who help make our programs such a success!

**Richmond
Times-Dispatch**

And check your mailbox after **Giving Tuesday**, Nov. 27, to learn about other ways you can support Access Now.



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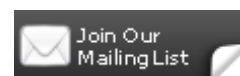
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