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**GOV. MCAULIFFE TO HONOR FIRST GRADUATES OF
COLLABORATIVE WWRC JOB TRAINING PROGRAM
WITH CVS HEALTH**

CVS Health vice president to attend recognition, ribbon-cutting event

(FISHERSVILLE, Va.) — Gov. Terry McAuliffe will visit Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center on April 11 and recognize the first graduates of an innovative job training program developed in collaboration with CVS Health.

[CVS Health](#), the largest pharmacy innovation company in the United States, partnered with [WWRC](#) to create training to teach young adults with disabilities the retail and materials handling skills needed to work at a CVS Pharmacy location. Program graduates qualify to apply for jobs at any of the company's more than 340 CVS Pharmacy locations across the Commonwealth. The center's faculty developed the curriculum with CVS Health, which donated a mock store to serve as a teaching facility. The first students began training in January.

Reporters are asked to be in place for the April 11 event by 11:15 a.m. The ceremony begins at 11:45 a.m.

“We frequently talk with employers across the Commonwealth about their workforce needs and adapt our training curriculum as needed so that our consumers have a solid foundation of valuable job skills when they graduate,” said WWRC Director Rick Sizemore. “With the Commonwealth’s growing health care sector and increased need for qualified workers with materials handling skills, we’re grateful to CVS Health for this partnership that can help open employment opportunities to Virginians with disabilities.”

Gov. McAuliffe will speak prior to a ribbon-cutting event to formally open the CVS Pharmacy training facility, which will be on display. He and David L. Casey, CVS Health’s vice president of workforce strategies and chief diversity officer, will award plaques to the program’s

first four graduates, whose training included 6-week-long internships with CVS Pharmacy locations in Staunton and Waynesboro.

WWRC provides vocational training and medical interventions for people with disabilities to assist them in obtaining employment and to live more independently. Students receive classroom and hands-on training in life and job skills in fields, such as [materials handling](#), where the Commonwealth's economy and demand is growing. Each year, about 130 students participate in the center's materials handling program, which overall involves about 675 hours of training, according to Sizemore.

A second group of students is training this spring in the mock CVS Pharmacy store. Those who complete the training and graduate from WWRC then work with staff from the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and local CVS Pharmacy hiring managers for employment consideration.

CVS Pharmacy, the retail division of CVS Health, is the leading retail pharmacy in the United States with more than 9,600 locations.

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