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## Problem Stream: Increased demand, diminished supply

Increasing number of patients due to:

- expansion of insurance coverage
- aging population

Nearly 50% of Virginians do not receive adequate primary care

Diminishing number of physicians in VA due to:

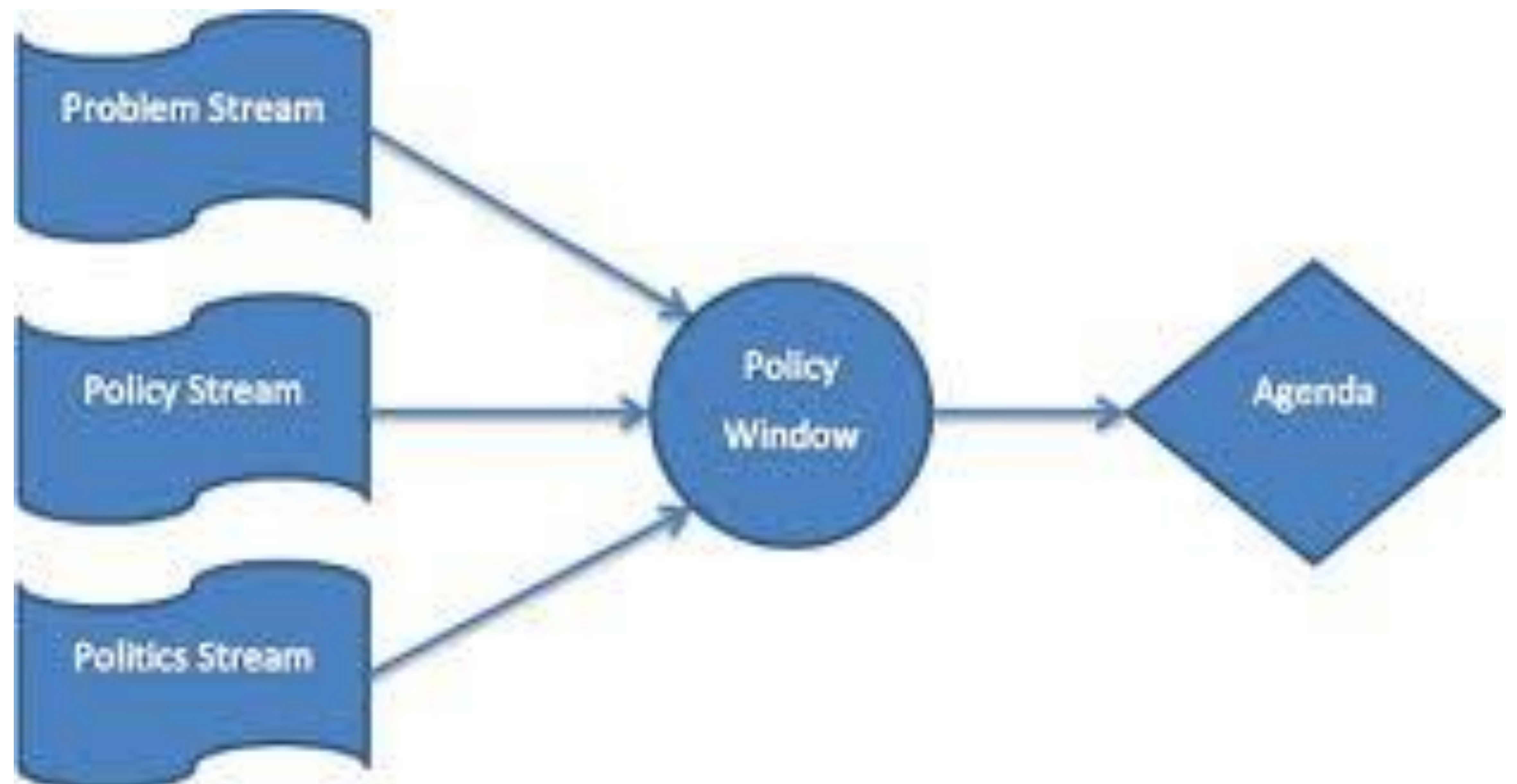
- Aging/retirement
- Opting for specialty practice

## Policy Stream: Legislation supporting Full Practice Authority in Virginia

## Politics Stream: Support from multiple perspectives

- Grassroots movement to initiate support from Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners, Virginia Nurses Association
- Special interest support including AARP
- National trend support full practice authority, Virginia is one of 12 states with restricted scope of practice

## Kingdon's Policy Window



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## Opening the Policy Window: Partnering for Change

Successful policy development requires coalition building across disciplines

### Nursing

- Outcome studies demonstrate nurse practitioner led care initiatives are equivalent to physician led initiatives
- All 50 State Boards of Nursing adopted the APRN Consensus Model

### Public Policy

- National conversation on enacting of Triple Aim
- Vested interest in translating evidence into policy to improve well being of those in the Commonwealth

## Agenda: Steps to Success

Setting the agenda requires an in-depth examination of the Problem. You will want to:

1. Engage stakeholders
2. Consider rhetoric (societal perspective)
3. Who will be impacted?
4. What resources are needed?
5. Impact on the community?

After defining the problem, consider these Action steps:

1. Creating a buzz with politicians
2. Public opinion polls
3. Crafting a policy brief to summarize key points for all stakeholders

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