



May 14, 2012

Ms. Cynthia Jones
Director
Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Ms. Jones:

On behalf of the Virginia Association of Nonprofit Homes for the Aging, we appreciate the opportunity to participate in the Department of Medical Assistance Services' dual eligibles demonstration process and look forward to working with the Department as it moves forward with this important initiative.

The Virginia Association of Nonprofit Homes for the Aging (VANHA) is a statewide organization of not-for-profit retirement housing facilities, including nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and continuing care retirement communities. Facilities are sponsored by a variety of religious, fraternal, public, and private organizations dedicated to providing quality care and services to the elderly. VANHA was founded in 1973 by nursing home administrators who believed that non-profit homes were unique in their needs and resources and required their own organization.

VANHA supports the Department's initiative to integrate care for those dually eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, but is concerned about the overall impact this initiative may have on providers that are participating. Therefore, we encourage the Department to obtain the data necessary from stakeholders to ensure there is not a negative impact from a financial and survey perspective.

Respectfully submitted,

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