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Secretary of Health and Human Resources Announces Appointments to Provider Assessment Work Group

RICHMOND -- Secretary of Health and Human Resources William A. Hazel, Jr., M.D., today announced the appointment of the members of the Provider Assessment Work Group.

The General Assembly, in its 2015 session, directed Secretary Hazel to create the work group. The group will analyze the options for creating a provider assessment program.

The provider assessment group will be chaired by Anna Healy James, Policy Director, Office of Governor Terence R. McAuliffe. The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) will provide staff support to the Secretary's office for this work group, and will host access to work group materials on the department's website (www.dmas.virginia.gov) beginning July 1, 2015.

Provider Assessment Work Group -- Appointees

- **Anna Healy James** – Richmond – Policy Director, Office of the Governor
- **Cindi B. Jones** – Richmond – Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services
- **Beth A. Bortz** – Henrico – President & CEO, Virginia Center for Health Innovation
- **Anthony Keck** – Bristol, TN – Senior VP & Chief Development Officer, Mountain States Health Alliance
- **C. Novel Martin** – Roanoke – CFO and Treasurer, Medical Facilities of America
- **Nancy Howell Agee** – Roanoke – President & CEO, Carilion Clinic
- **Peter Gallagher** – Staunton – Senior VP and CFO, Valley Health System
- **Debbie Burcham** – Chesterfield – Executive Director, Chesterfield CSB

- **Matthew Turner** – Richmond - VP of U.S. Employee Benefits, Genworth Financial
- **George Reiter** – Reston – Senior VP of Total Rewards, Leidos
- **Sheryl Garland** – Richmond – VP of Health Policy and Community Relations, VCU Health System
- **Massey S.J. Whorley** – Richmond – Senior Policy Analyst, The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis
- **Roderick Manifold** – New Canton – Executive Director, Central Virginia Health Services
- **Linda D. Wilkinson** – Richmond – CEO, Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics
- **Kurt Hofelich** – Norfolk - President, Sentara Norfolk General Hospital
- **Richard V. Homan, M.D.** – Norfolk – President & Provost, Dean of the School of Medicine, Eastern Virginia Medical School
- **Sterling Ransone, M.D.** – Deltaville – Immediate Former President, Medical Society of Virginia
- **James Cole** – Arlington – President & CEO, Virginia Hospital Center
- **William A. Hazel, Jr., MD** – Richmond - Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia. *Ex officio*

Provider Assessment Work Group -- Responsibilities

The group is charged with conducting an analysis and developing a plan with options for a provider assessment program for consideration by the 2016 General Assembly. Specifically, the group will explore a plan that:

- (i) complies with applicable federal law and regulations;
- (ii) is designed to operate in a fashion that is mutually beneficial to the Commonwealth and affected health care organizations;
- (iii) addresses health system challenges in meeting the needs of the uninsured and preserving access to essential health care services throughout the Commonwealth;
- (iv) supports the indigent care and graduate medical education costs at hospitals in the Commonwealth;
- (v) advances reforms that are consistent with the goals of improved health care access, lower overall costs and better health for Virginians; and
- (vi) takes into account the extent to which it provides equity in the assessment and funding distribution to affected health care organizations.

As part of its review, the provider assessment work group will also develop as an option a more limited program that is focused on supporting the indigent care and graduate medical education costs at private teaching hospitals and review a program that would provide supplemental payments for qualifying private hospitals.

There are three meetings scheduled of the provider assessment work group. Their dates, times and locations are listed below:

Wednesday, July 8th

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Virginia General Assembly Building

Capitol Square

201 North 9th Street

Richmond, VA 23218

House Room D

Wednesday, September 30th

12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Virginia Department of Health Professions

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300

Perimeter Center

Richmond, VA 23233

Board Room #2

Wednesday, October 28th

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Virginia Department of Taxation

1957 Westmoreland Street

Richmond, VA 23230

Multi-purpose Room

OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

§ 1-88. SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES (188) ITEM 278.

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 2; Article 6, and §2.2-200, Code of Virginia.

C.1. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall conduct an analysis and develop a plan with options for a hospital provider assessment program, including a review of other issues deemed necessary, for consideration by the General Assembly in the 2016 Session, that:

(i) complies with applicable federal law and regulations; (ii) is designed to operate in a fashion that is mutually beneficial to the Commonwealth and affected health care organizations; (iii) addresses health system challenges in meeting the needs of the uninsured and preserving access to essential health care services (e.g. trauma programs, obstetrical care) throughout the Commonwealth; (iv) supports the indigent care and graduate medical education costs at hospitals in the Commonwealth; (v) advances reforms that are consistent with the goals of improved health care access, lower overall costs and better health for Virginians; and (vi) takes into account the extent to which it provides equity in the assessment and funding distribution to affected health care organizations. In the development of this program, the Secretary's office shall be assisted by the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Virginia Center for Healthcare Innovation, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association and other affected stakeholders.

2. As part of the analysis and development of a plan for a hospital provider assessment program, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall also develop as an option a more limited program that is focused on supporting the indigent care and graduate medical education costs at private teaching hospitals in the Commonwealth.

3. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall also undertake a review of a program that would provide supplemental payments for qualifying private hospitals as provided for in the State Plan for Medical Assistance Services amendments 11-018 and 11-019 submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on or about December 20, 2011.

4. The Secretary shall report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by November 1, 2015 on the appropriate details regarding the plan and options for a hospital provider assessment program, which shall include: (i) the structure, collection process, and amount of the assessment; (ii) the process for supplemental payments; (iii) an estimate by hospital of the net financial impact of the program; and (iv) an implementation timeline. In addition, the Secretary shall include in his report details on the options and requirements of subparagraphs 2 and 3.

5. The Secretary may work with the appropriate federal agencies as part of the development of a plan for a program or other options developed pursuant to subparagraphs 1, 2 and 3 in order to ensure compliance with federal requirements.