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Low Hospitals in your Area Rate on Cardiac The VHI Cardiac Care Report Ranks Hospitals Admission and Mortality Rates

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RICHMOND, Va., March 6, 2013 -- www.vhi.org is the Most Comprehensive Source for Virginia Health Information and Comparisons

RICHMOND, Va., March 6, 2013 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Patients and providers alike want to help avoid returning to the hospital after cardiac care. However, as many as one out of every six congestive heart failure patients return to the hospital within 30 days. So where do consumers find out how hospitals in their area stack up?

Virginia Health Information (VHI) is a click away and has just released the most up-to-date information on cardiac care. The latest data shows that while hospital readmission rates after a heart-related procedure is almost double among Medicaid and Medicare patients compared to those who are commercially insured, that rate has been steadily decreasing over the past three years. To access the report, go to www.vhi.org, click on cardiac care, type in your zip code and mile radius, then click show results and compare hospitals.

Case remains the No. 1 cause of death in Virginia as well as in the country, according to nine in-state insurers.

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in the top seven states for transparency in reporting health care costs, according to a national survey released last week online by Virginia Health Information, along with updated cost information on 30 health services. A government-endorsed nonprofit website which has operated since 1993, VHI helps to provide a basis for cost comparisons for the consumer.

Numbers allow the uninsured consumer — or the consumer with a health plan, who is allowed for particular services — to negotiate based on the plan, who is allowed for particular services from doctor visits.

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"What is unique about the 'what and why' for the service, but the reasons of costs between similar services provided in a doctor's office, ambulatory surgical center or hospital," said Michael T. Lundberg, VHI executive director, in a news release.

biggest differences in cost are driven by the place where a procedure is performed. For insurance payment for a bone density scan in a physician's office was \$256. That same outpatient setting cost more than double, \$549, despite the radiologist and physician being the same. Likewise, hernia repair surgery cost \$3,713 in a licensed ambulatory surgical center, while in a hospital outpatient setting. In the latter procedure, there was no differentiation between the anesthesiologist in the different locations.

formed in a physician's office (\$1,557), licensed ambulatory surgical center (\$2,377), reflected the typical range in average allowed costs according to setting.

breakdown by facility fees and compensation for attending medical services and possibilities for negotiation.

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HMO Enrollment Grows to More Than 1.1 million in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 1, 2012 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- For the tenth consecutive year, Virginia Health Information (VHI) is offering employers and health care consumers in Virginia a tool with which they can compare and track HMO performance on key cost and quality measures. "HMO Compare," a free, online report published today, contains a wealth of reliable data to inform the purchasers of health care coverage during the open enrollment season. The report may be viewed on VHI's website at http://vhi.org/hmo_compare.asp.

According to the report, average premiums per member per month increased 7% from 2010 to 2011. "Companies with HMO's can't afford to compare their health care options," said John Fuller, a business representative on the VHI Board of Directors and Director of Global Benefits for MeadWestvaco. "In today's dynamic market, it pays to be a savvy consumer and understand the options available."