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**Virginia Health Information Publishes HMO Cost & Quality Report:
 Virginians Choosing HMOs Reaches Six-Year High**

Richmond, VA – In the ever-changing healthcare landscape, consumers are more interested than ever about the cost, availability and quality of their healthcare plan. Virginia Health Information (VHI) has published its Compare HMOs report to help consumers find, compare and choose the HMO that best meets their needs. Over 1.3 million Virginians are enrolled in HMO plans and for good reason as HMOs can be an affordable option.

Compare HMOs, available at <http://www.vhi.org/healthinsurance/HMOCompare.asp>, is part of VHI’s free Consumer Guide to Health Insurance Options, a comprehensive guide helping Virginia consumers and employers learn about health insurance options. Based on feedback from businesses, consumers and health insurance companies, VHI includes over 60 measures covering how quickly care is provided, satisfaction with doctors, screening for cancers, providing the right care and more. With the Affordable Care Act (ACA) open enrollment period ending on December 15th, this tool is the perfect supplement for consumers making those tough decisions. Key points from this year’s report include:



Members Received:	VA Avg	Better than Nat’l Avg?	Highest Rated HMO	Range across HMOs
Breast Cancer Screening	71.85%	No	Kaiser	65—88%
Timeliness of Prenatal Care	87.01%	N/A	Kaiser	81—97%
Network Size (#Physicians)	81,926	N/A	Aetna	10,155 – 426,906
Premium per member/per month	\$370	N/A	United HC	\$337 - \$445

Updates to the web design of the Compare HMOs tool allows consumers to compare plans more seamlessly than ever before. *Note: Performance data for Innovation Health Plan, Inc. was unavailable this year, but administrative and financial data is included in the report.*

Virginia Health Information (VHI) is the nonprofit organization that businesses, consumers, the Commonwealth of Virginia and health insurance companies go to for health information. VHI publishes reports and consumer guides on health insurance, hospitals, HMOs, nursing facilities, physicians and other topics at www.vhi.org. To find the latest updates on healthcare data and statistics, find and like VHI on Facebook at www.facebook.com/vahealth.

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