



Virginia Health Information Expands Long-Term Care Information

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RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 3, 2011 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- With more than 1,000 long-term care and nursing facilities in Virginia, how do you find care that meets your needs for location, quality and cost? Whether you're planning ahead or due to unforeseen circumstances, searching for a long-term health care facility can be emotional, overwhelming and time consuming.

Virginia Health Information (VHI) has expanded their Long-Term Care Information to include four new sections on nursing: facility quality, staffing, health and fire safety inspections. "Consumers want information on location, quality and cost," said Michael Lundberg, executive director, VHI. "Our long-term care guide and reports put this information in one convenient place."

Found at www.vhi.org, the long-term nursing facility report lets consumers find and compare Virginia's nursing facilities and long-term care units of acute care hospitals close to home or across Virginia. Since 1998, users have found and compared facilities based on information such as location and price. Now, VHI has added important information on quality, staffing, health inspections and fire safety inspections.

The newly reported information adds value to VHI's existing **Long-Term Care: A Consumer's Guide**. Available online or in a downloadable format, the LTC Guide has the information and tools consumers want when looking for high quality and affordable long-term care.

VHI provides this information to help consumers:

- **Understand differences among**
 - Assisted Living Facilities
 - Continuing Care Retirement Communities
 - Nursing Facilities
 - Home Health Care
 - Adult Day care
- **Compare by**
 - Location
 - Price
 - Quality
- **Find Help from**
 - Virginia & Federal Programs
 - Local and National nonprofits
- **Learn about**
 - Long-Term Care Insurance
 - Resources in Your Area

"With VHI information and links to other trusted sources we are a one-stop-shop for long-term care information for individuals, their caretakers and social workers," said Lundberg.

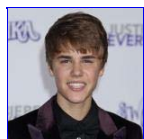
VHI is a non-profit health information company serving the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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