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MedVirginia Completed Successful NHIN Demonstration at AHIC

MedVirginia successfully participated in the live demonstration of the Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN) Trial Implementation at the AHIC meeting in Washington, DC this week. During the event, MedVirginia and other health information exchanges established live connectivity with the Dept. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, and other health systems.

Michael Matthews, CEO of MedVirginia stated, “This was an historic day for our nation’s health care system. This significant milestone proved that disparate health systems across the U.S. can securely connect and exchange health information in order to enhance the quality, safety and cost-effectiveness of healthcare to patients across geographic and organizational boundaries.”

MedVirginia participated in several demonstrations, including the “Wounded Warrior” scenario. This demonstration showed how members of the armed services who receive care from military, veterans and civilian health care providers can have their health history accessible at any point in the care continuum. Another scenario showed how the Social Security disability determination process could be greatly accelerated via online access to claimant’s medical records vs. the traditional paper method.

“Working with our partners, we were to able build upon the work we’ve done in Virginia in connecting providers, including our local safety net, with the broader medical community. We could not have done so without strong support from Secretary Michael Leavitt, Dr. Robert Kolodner, and our technology partners, Wellogic and IBM,” added Mr. Matthews.

MedVirginia’s work on the NHIN Trial Implementation will continue with demonstrations of the Medication Management and EHR-Lab Result Use Cases scheduled for December, 2008.

About MedVirginia

MedVirginia LLC, established in 2000, is a provider-owned organization based in Richmond, VA. Its organizational purpose is to improve quality, safety and efficiency through the use of health information technology. At its core is *MedVirginia SolutionSM*, a

community-based health information exchange (HIE) linking clinical data from physicians, hospitals, labs and pharmacies. In January 2006, MedVirginia's HIE became operational, making it among the first "live" HIEs in the U.S. On February 28, 2007, Governor Timothy M. Kaine announced that MedVirginia would receive funding from the Virginia Health Information Technology (HIT) Council for expansion of capabilities. In October, 2007, MedVirginia was awarded a contract with the U.S. Dept. of HHS to participate in the Nationwide Health Information Network Trial Implementation. In 2008, MedVirginia's CEO, Michael Matthews was named the state's Convener for the CMS EHR Demonstration as well as Senior Advisor to the Governor's Office of Health IT.

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