

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-162.9 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Department of Health;*
3 *home care organizations; license renewal.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 32.1-162.9 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 32.1-162.9. Licenses required; renewal thereof.**

9 A. No person shall establish or operate a home care organization without a license issued pursuant to
10 this article unless he is exempt from licensure pursuant to § 32.1-162.8. No license to establish or
11 operate a home care organization shall be issued to any person who has been sanctioned pursuant to 42
12 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b.

13 B. The Commissioner shall issue or renew a license to establish or operate a home care organization
14 upon application therefor on a form and accompanied by a fee prescribed by the Board if the
15 Commissioner finds that the home care organization is in compliance with the provisions of this article
16 and regulations of the Board, unless the Commissioner determines that no reciprocal agreement for the
17 licensing of home care organizations has been entered into by the Commonwealth with the state in
18 which the applicant resides or with the state in which the applicant's home care organization is licensed
19 to operate. The Commissioner shall not issue or renew a license to establish or operate a home care
20 organization to any applicant who has been sanctioned pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b.

21 C. Any licensed home care organization may establish one or more branch offices serving portions of
22 the total geographic area served by the licensee, provided that each branch office operates under the
23 supervision and administrative control of the licensee. The address of each branch office at which
24 services are provided by the licensee shall be submitted to the Department and included on any license
25 issued to the licensee. Branch offices shall be operated under the initial license issued to the home care
26 organization and shall not be required to obtain an additional license. Upon receipt of notice that a home
27 care organization has established a branch office that meets the criteria set forth in this subsection, the
28 Department shall issue an updated license including the address of the newly established branch office to
29 the home care organization within 10 business days.

30 D. Every applicant for an initial license to establish or operate a home care organization shall include
31 as part of his application proof of initial reserve operating funds in an amount determined by the Board,
32 which shall be sufficient to ensure operation of the home care organization for the three-month period
33 after a license to operate has been issued. Such funds may include cash, cash equivalents that are readily
34 convertible to known amounts of cash and that present insignificant risk of change in value, borrowed
35 funds that are immediately available to the applicant, or a line of credit that is immediately available to
36 the applicant. Proof of funds sufficient to meet the requirements of this subsection shall include a
37 current balance sheet demonstrating availability of cash or cash equivalents, including all borrowed
38 funds, sufficient to meet the requirement for initial reserve operating funds together with a letter from
39 the officer of the bank or other financial institution where the funds are held or a letter of credit from a
40 lender demonstrating the current availability of a line of credit and the amount thereof.

41 E. Every such license shall expire on the *third* anniversary of its issuance or renewal.

42 F. The activities and services of each applicant for issuance or renewal of a home care organization
43 license shall be subject to an inspection or examination by the Commissioner to determine if the home
44 care organization is in compliance with the provisions of this article and regulations of the Board.

45 G. No license issued pursuant to this article may be transferred or assigned.

46 H. *Upon renewal of a license, the Department shall not require a home care organization to submit*
47 *financial documents other than those required for initial licensure.*

48 **2. That the fee for renewal of a home care organization license shall be \$1,500 until such time as**
49 **the Board of Health may amend or repeal regulations for the licensure of home care organizations**
50 **(12VAC5-381) of the Virginia Administrative Code.**