

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-324.2, relating to provider*
3 *communication.*

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Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-324.2 as follows:**8 *§ 32.1-324.2. Director to establish provider work groups; facilitate information sharing.*

9 *A. In carrying out his duties under this chapter, the Director shall, consistent with federal law,*
10 *establish work groups composed of key providers and constituency groups to facilitate communication*
11 *between the Department and providers of health care services. Such work groups shall serve in an*
12 *advisory capacity to the Board and to the Director, regarding program and payment system policies and*
13 *procedures, performance improvement goals, the design of the program, policy or payment system*
14 *modifications, and such other issues as the Director may deem appropriate.*

15 *B. The Director shall also establish separate work groups for each of the following provider and*
16 *constituency groups:*

- 17 *1. Physicians;*
- 18 *2. Hospitals;*
- 19 *3. Long-term care providers;*
- 20 *4. Dentists;*
- 21 *5. Behavioral health providers, including community service boards and public and private providers*
22 *of inpatient mental health services;*
- 23 *6. Pharmacists;*
- 24 *7. Local school divisions that are participating as Medicaid providers; and*
- 25 *8. Managed care plans.*

26 *The Director may establish such additional work groups as he may deem appropriate. Each work*
27 *group shall include representatives of the Department and of relevant provider and constituency groups*
28 *designated by the Director from among nominations submitted by professional or trade associations*
29 *representing such groups.*

30 *C. The provider and constituency work groups shall meet quarterly, unless the Director and such*
31 *group members mutually agree to a different schedule.*

32 *D. The Board shall render final decisions regarding payment systems and other policies as*
33 *authorized under this chapter, in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Process Act*
34 *(§ 9-6.14:1 et seq.).*

35 *E. The Director shall make any data schedules, policy memoranda, and other information routinely*
36 *developed by the Department, or requested frequently by providers and their representatives, available*
37 *through efficient means, including, but not limited to, the Department's Internet website.*

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