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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to require the Department of Medical Assistance Services to implement a process for payments 3 for certain services to hospice patients.

4 5 Approved Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 6 **1.** § 1. That the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall, to the extent permitted by federal law, 7

8 implement a process for payment of the nursing facility or ICF/MR share of payments directly to the 9 nursing facility or ICF/MR rather than to the hospice care provider for hospice services furnished to an 10 individual who is a resident of a nursing facility or ICF/MR and who would be eligible under the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance for nursing facility services or services in an ICF/MR 11 had he not elected hospice care. Payments made directly to a nursing facility or ICF/MR shall be the 12

full amount that would be paid to the nursing facility or ICF/MR if the individual was not receiving 13

14 hospice services, and shall not reflect any discount to such rates.

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