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Governor Timothy M. Kaine today announced that MedVirginia will receive funding from the Virginia Health Information Technology (HIT) Council. The funding will allow MedVirginia to provide electronic prescribing, medication history and other clinical information to selected physicians serving employees of the Commonwealth. Michael Matthews, CEO of MedVirginia stated, "We are grateful for the opportunity to extend our clinical technology support to the Commonwealth of Virginia. We commend the leadership of this Administration and the General Assembly for their efforts to make our outstanding healthcare system even more effective and efficient. We look forward to a long and productive partnership."

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MedVirginia improves the flow of clinical information among central Virginia's health care providers via MedVirginia Solution sm, a community-based health information exchange. According to Dr. James Ratliff, Chair of the MedVirginia

Board, "The addition of electronic prescribing and, very importantly, medication history, provides physicians with important new tools for managing patient care, especially those suffering from chronic disease." He also added his appreciation to MedVirginia's partners. "It's through our relationship with SureScripts that physicians will have connectivity to over 150 local pharmacies for e-prescribing. We'd also like to thank Bon Secours Richmond Health System for its continued support of MedVirginia's mission, and our talented technology partner, Wellogic, for making this milestone possible."

About the Governor's Health Information Technology Council

On July 20, 2006, Governor Kaine issued Executive Order 29 creating the Governor's Health Information Technology Council. The primary objectives of the council are to establish an interoperability framework, encourage public-private partnerships to increase adoption of electronic medical records and encourage vendors and entrepreneurs to build to the national certification standards for Healthcare Information Technology as well as identify areas where health information technology can lower health care costs for the Commonwealth as an employer and health insurer.

About MedVirginia

MedVirginia LLC, established in 2000, is a provider-owned organization based in Richmond, VA. Its organizational purpose is to improve

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quality, safety and efficiency through the use of health information technology. Its vision is for central Virginia to be the most electronically connected provider community in the U.S. At its core is MedVirginia Solution sm, a community-based health information exchange linking clinical data from physicians, hospitals, labs and pharmacies. In January 2006, MedVirginia's health information exchange became operational, making it among the first operational community-based systems in the U.S.

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