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Centra to Join MedVirginia's Partnership with SSA

New Centra Relationship to Add Three Hospitals to SSA Project

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RICHMOND, VA --- February 1, 2010 – MedVirginia announced today a significant expansion of its MEGAHIT project with the Social Security Administration (SSA). MedVirginia has partnered with Lynchburg, VA-based Centra to bring three hospitals online with the SSA: Centra Lynchburg General Hospital and Centra Virginia Baptist Hospital, both in Lynchburg; and Centra Southside Community Hospital in Farmville, VA.

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, made the announcement that MedVirginia and fourteen other healthcare providers have received \$17.4 million in contract awards to provide electronic medical records to the agency. The SSA solicitation was entitled "The Authorized Release of Medical Information through Integration with the Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN)" and expands upon the work begun by SSA and MedVirginia in early 2009. In this expansion, MedVirginia will leverage its proven health information exchange (HIE) infrastructure and CONNECT gateway to the NHIN by establishing a link with Centra's clinical information system. The information exchange is based on the Continuity of Care Document (CCD) C32 format.

MedVirginia's CEO, Michael Matthews, stated, "We are very pleased to welcome Centra to the growing MedVirginia family. Centra has the distinction of being named one of the Top 100 Most Wired Hospitals by Hospitals & Health Networks magazine for the past two years and we look forward to connecting them and their patients to the SSA."

Ben Clark, Centra's Chief Information Officer said, "This is a very important undertaking for Centra and our patients throughout Central and Southside Virginia. Using MedVirginia's gateway will provide significantly faster transfer of medical records for our patients who are applying for disability benefits. We are excited to be a part of SSA's approach to expediting the disability determination process."

A link to SSA's press release is provided here.

www.socialsecurity.gov/pressoffice/pr/nhin0210-pr.htm

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 Solution*[®], 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. In 2007, MedVirginia was selected as one of the original NHIN participants. In 2009,

MedVirginia became the first HIE to exchange live patient health information across the NHIN and the first to deploy the open source CONNECT gateway.

About Centra

With more than 5,500 healthcare professionals, Centra provides a comprehensive range of medical services, including three hospitals, a cancer center and physician practices serving people from Farmville to Bedford and from Nelson County to Danville. Centra Lynchburg General Hospital with 275 beds offers cardiac care with more than 5,000 major cardiac procedures annually, emergency department services with more than 85,000 patient visits annually, critical care services, orthopedic services, neurology and neurosurgery, diabetes/renal services, pulmonary care and an outpatient surgery center. Nearby, Centra Alan B. Pearson Regional Cancer Center offers comprehensive cancer care services in one convenient location. Virginia Baptist Hospital, which has 317 beds, is home to the region's women's and children's services, skilled care and rehabilitation, mental health services, ambulatory surgery and a number of specialty services. In 2006, Centra Southside Community Hospital joined Centra as an affiliate. This hospital offers 116 beds and serves patients in Farmville and eight surrounding counties.

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