



December 9, 2010

Virginia Department of Health
Office of Health Information Technology
Attn: Kimberly S. Barnes, Director of Health IT
109 Governor St.
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Ms. Barnes,

The Virginia Health Information Management Association (VHIMA) would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment to the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Health Information Technology (HIT). During this exciting time of health reform and the ARRA legislation, we are pleased to know that someone with your policy background and expertise will successfully lead Virginia into the areas of HIT adoption and implementation.

VHIMA is an affiliate of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), the national association of Health Information Management (HIM) professionals. AHIMA is the premier association of HIM professionals with more than 55,000 members who are dedicated to the effective management of personal health information required to deliver quality healthcare to the public. Founded in 1928 to improve the quality of medical records, AHIMA is committed to advancing the HIM profession in an increasingly electronic and global environment through leadership in advocacy, education, certification, and lifelong learning.

VHIMA's 1,215 members are dedicated to the effective management of personal health information needed to deliver quality healthcare to the public. HIM professionals are uniquely educated and certified to serve the healthcare industry and the public by collecting, managing, analyzing, reporting, and utilizing data which is vital for patient care, while making it accessible to healthcare providers and appropriate researchers when it is needed most. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss further how you can leverage valuable resources within VHIMA.

Sincerely,

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