



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
*Department for the Aging*

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Jean Duggan, Bay Aging

**DATE:** May 27, 2009

**SUBJECT: VIP: Veterans Independence Program**

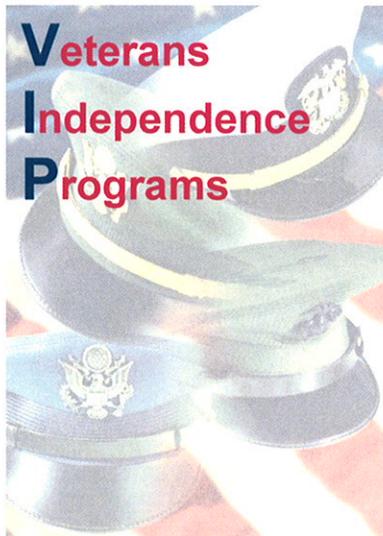
**VIP: Veterans Independence Program**

Bay Aging is extremely proud to have this opportunity to work with veterans and in partnership with the Veteran's Administration, Virginia Department for the Aging, and McGuire Veterans Medical Center.

VIP is designed to provide care management and services for veterans of any age who are at risk of nursing home placement to stay healthy and living in their own homes and community for as long as possible.

We wish to partner with other AAA's and health and human service organizations. Attached is a VIP flyer that provides more information about this invaluable program for our veterans.

For more information, please contact Patsy Taylor, Vice President of Care Coordination at 800.493.0238 or email [ptaylor@bayaging.org](mailto:ptaylor@bayaging.org) or Kathy Vesley-Massey, Chief Operating Officer, at 804.758.2386 or email [kvesley@bayaging.org](mailto:kvesley@bayaging.org).



Care Management Programs and Services  
to Stay Healthy and Living in Your  
Own Home and Community  
for as Long as Possible

- **Veterans Administration Funding \$900,000 to Virginia**
  - 1 site—Bay Aging
    - partnering with other AAA's and health and human service organizations
    - partner with McGuire VA Medical Center, Richmond
  - Administrative costs included
  - Funding beyond one year
  
- **Participant Directed Long-Term Care**
  - Veteran directed home and community based service
  - Veterans of any age who are at risk of nursing home placement
  - Monthly allocation established by need for each participant—to obtain their own services, hire employees, purchase items
  - Flexibility to choose mix of goods and services that best fit the need
  - Business plan outlines eligible expenditures and third party fiscal agent
  - Customer access to services through a single entry point
  
- **VIP Support Solutions**
  - Care Management
  - Adult Daycare
  - Assistive Devices
  - Caregiver Support
  - CareMatch
  - Environmental Support
  - Housing
  - Home Modifications
  - In-Home Personal Care
  - Home Delivered Meals
  - Transportation

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

**AND:** Nutrition Directors

**FROM:** Elaine S. Smith, MS, RD  
Program Coordinator

**DATE:** May 27, 2009

**SUBJECT: Virginia Distribution Center (VDC)**

Following is information on the Virginia Distribution Center (VDC), which is a cooperative procurement program and state agency under the Department of General Services/Division of Purchases and Supply. Per the Code of Virginia, AAA's are eligible to purchase from VDC. Currently only one or two AAA's are working with VDC as one of their vendors.

If you would like to know what products and services the VDC provides, please contact:

Jeff Janisko, VCO  
Q/A-Specifications Analyst  
Virginia Distribution Center  
Division of Purchases and Supply  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
2400 Riley Ridge Road  
Sandston, VA 23150  
804-328-3223  
[Jeffrey.janisko@dgs.virginia.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.janisko@dgs.virginia.gov)

Also following is a link to the VDC website and Dynamic Catalog which lists all of the products VDC carries at their current prices (which you will find to be generally much lower than most private sector vendors):

Website:

<http://www.dgs.virginia.gov/VirginiaDistributionCenterVDC/tabid/189/Default.aspx>

Dynamic Catalog: <http://shopvdc.dgs.virginia.gov/catalog/> (this link can also be accessed from the VDC webpage)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any opportunities and business solutions that VDC can provide your agency, please feel free to contact Mr. Janisko.



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**TO:** Executive Directors  
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**FROM:** Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

**DATE:** May 27, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Virginia Caregiver Coalition

The Virginia Caregiver Coalition – an all volunteer coalition composed of professional and family caregivers is beginning its sixth year of educational and advocacy efforts to improve the well-being of Virginia’s caregivers. The next meeting of the coalition will be on June 16, 2009 at 9 A.M. in the Virginia Department for the Aging Conference Room.

Margaret Ann Lane of the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services will give a presentation on elderly alcohol and pharmaceutical abuse. Thank you to Sharon Brandau of the Peninsula Agency on Aging for arranging this educational session.

Jason Rachel of the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services will discuss Virginia’s Money Follows the Person program. Mr. Rachel will explain the program and give you information on how you and your agency can participate in it.

The Coalition’s education committee, chaired by MaryAnn Johnson, Alzheimer’s Association of the Greater Richmond Area, will present to the Coalition its training plans for the rest of 2009. Thanks to Ms. Johnson and her cohorts, Marian Dolliver and Ginny Becker of Senior Connections – The

Capital Area Agency on Aging, we should have some dynamic training sessions for both professional and family caregivers. Ms. Johnson, Marian Dolliver and Ginny Becker are also working with me to up-date the Virginia Caregiver Resource Guide. Many thanks go to my co-workers at the Virginia Department for the Aging and to Lenny Recupero at the Virginia Department of Health who reviewed information for the guide at my request.

For further information about attending the meeting at either VDA or at a videoconference site, please contact Ellen Nau, Program Coordinator, at 804-662-9340. Professional and family caregivers are welcome to attend the meeting!

For a look at past Coalition activities, please view this [VCC power-point presentation](#).