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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Kathy Miller, Director of Programs

DATE: January 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Role of the Aging Network in Working with HECM Program

An increasing number of seniors with Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM) are not paying their property taxes, insurance and other expenses as required by their HECM loans, which places them in jeopardy of default.

AoA has added a new page to www.aoa.gov that provides information about a new role for Aging Network professionals in working with HUD HECM reverse mortgage holders who may be delinquent with certain property cost payments.

Beginning in January, HECM mortgagees who are delinquent in property cost payments will receive a letter from their lender regarding payment of these costs. Many of these older mortgagees may turn to the Aging Network for assistance. This new web page is designed to assist Aging Network professionals in understanding the issue and how they may assist. Resources available on the web page include background information, summary information, and a FAQ that may be used with consumers. As new resources become available, the AoA HECM web page will be updated to include them.

The new web page can be found under AoA Programs, Special Projects at http://aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA_Programs/Special_Projects/index.aspx



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MEMORANDUM (Please post)

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Nancy Lo, GrandDriver Coordinator
Jean Patton, DMV

DATE: January 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Parking Placards



Proper Use of Disabled Parking Placards Discourages Abuse of Handicapped Spaces

The misuse of disabled parking placards is an increasing problem in Virginia, and nationally. Not only does misuse undermine the placard program as a whole, but it also means that spaces reserved for the handicapped are unavailable to those who truly need them. Some handicapped drivers report to waiting hours to find a vacant handicapped parking space.

“One of the most prevalent abuses of disabled placards involves children and grandchildren of the placard holders who use the permits when their family members are not with them in the vehicle or have passed away,” said Jacquelin Branche, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Healthcare Compliance Officer. “Some of our disabled placard holders don’t realize they aren’t supposed to lend their placard to others, even family members. And, some family members hold on to placards of deceased loved ones until they expire before relinquishing them back to DMV.”

As a result, the DMV is taking additional measures to better educate disabled parking placard holders on proper use of the placards. “It’s important that our disabled parking placard customers remember that it’s unlawful to lend placards to others unless they are in the vehicle with the person transporting them,” said Branche. “We are hoping that through better education, we can reduce the likelihood of placard abuse.” This will in turn free up more handicapped spaces for those that legitimately need them.

The DMV also encourages citizens to report disabled parking placard abuse by calling (804) 367-6602.



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TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Ellen Nau, Program Coordinator

DATE: January 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Caregiving

Lifespan Respite Care Summit

The Virginia Department for the Aging and the Virginia Caregiver Coalition are receiving financial and technical support from the ARCH National Respite Network to hold a Lifespan Respite Care Summit on Thursday, March 17, 2011 from 9:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. This is a working meeting to be held in the VDA Conference Room and at several Video Conference Sites throughout the Commonwealth.

Who should attend? State agency representatives, local agency representatives, caregivers and respite providers are invited to participate in the Summit. The Summit will provide participants with knowledge about the national Lifespan Respite Law and explore existing Lifespan Respite models. One goal of the Summit is expand the Virginia Caregiver Coalition to include caregivers and respite providers of individuals of all ages with physical and developmental disabilities and chronic diseases. An overview of current respite programs in the state and gaps in respite services will be identified.

Seating is limited for this free event. To share and collaborate with caregivers and respite providers at this meeting, contact Ellen Nau at the Virginia Department for the Aging at 804-662-9340 or email, Ellen.Nau@vda.virginia.gov.

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Colonial Heritage Foundation

The Colonial Heritage Foundation, which is represented on the Virginia Caregiver Coalition by Mary Brett-Wright and Joan Bender, will be hosting a free seminar on February 14 from 1-3 P.M. at the Colonial Heritage Club House located at 6500 Arthur

Hills Drive, Williamsburg, Virginia. Entitled ***Put Art in Your Heart***, Luci Cochran, Executive Director of the Peninsula Fine Arts Center will discuss, "The Power of Art: Changing Lives and Communities" and Marjorie Hilkert, Chair of the Peninsula Alzheimer's Leadership Council will present on the topic of "Alzheimer's Disease Awakens Undiscovered Art Talent." Contact: Joan Bender at 757-345-6974 for information.