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## VHI Hosts 7th Annual Welcome Back Legislative Breakfast



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RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 1, 2012 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/
-- Virginia Health Information hosted its Seventh Annual Welcome Back Legislative Breakfast Jan. 25 in the General Assembly Building.

Legislators and their aides were introduced to VHI's Board of Directors and staff and provided information about the data VHI makes available. Legislators and their

constituents may benefit by using healthcare data on providers and the transparency of the healthcare information.

VHI's Executive Director, Michael Lundberg, shared what information and data consumers can find on VHI's website. "The Commonwealth of Virginia recognizes VHI as its consumer health information portal with consumer guides, reports and tools to help Virginians compare healthcare providers and make better informed health care decisions."

Data from VHI's healthcare data system is being used to:

provide consumers information on pricing of certain healthcare services-improve heart care-reduce preventable hospitalizations-address high infant mortality rates-provide obstetric information-support cancer research

Look for VHI's upcoming Cardiac Care Report, which outlines cardiac mortality and readmission rates in Virginia hospitals, later in February.

Virginia Health Information is the nonprofit organization the Commonwealth of Virginia and businesses go to for consumer and business health information. VHI information also includes hospitals, physicians, nursing facilities and other health care providers. Visit www.vhi.org or call toll free 1-877 VHI-INFO.

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