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## ❖ News

### VHI releases HMO study

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Virginia Health Information has released its study of HMO quality and satisfaction in Virginia.

The report includes five years' worth of information on HMO members in Virginia, including effectiveness of care and costs.

The report includes satisfaction scores that measure whether HMO members are satisfied with their doctors and the quality and speed of their care.

"The good news is that Virginia's HMOs fare better than the national averages on 29 out of 57 measures," Michael Lundberg, executive director of VHI said in a statement. "However, the report also highlights areas for improvement, such as breast and cervical cancer screening rates, which have declined since 2005."

The report shows that premiums increased last year. The average monthly premiums of HMO members increased to \$320, compared with \$287 in 2008.

The report can be accessed at VHI's [website](#).