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RTZ Chosen as the Online Partner for Virginia's Aging and Disability Resource Center Project

RTZ Associates, Inc. is pleased to announce it will serve as the online partner to Virginia's recently awarded AoA/CMS Aging and Disability Resource Center project. The Federally funded ADRC project is awarded to innovative States and Territories to implement Resource Centers that will move beyond information and assistance to assume the role of primary entry point into the long-term support system.

The State of Virginia, with the help of RTZ's GetCare system, is implementing a no wrong door approach to long-term care through the creation of a community-based coordinated case management system, piloted in 9 communities. The case management system, created by RTZ and implemented in partnership with SeniorNavigator, will build on the SeniorNavigator.com statewide resource directory. SeniorNavigator.com is a consumer-friendly website providing comprehensive information about health topics, legal and financial concerns, housing and health facilities, as well as extensive details about 18,000 health and aging services in communities around Virginia. The ADRC network will improve client and community level outcomes for older adults, people with physical disabilities, and family caregivers.

With the Consumer Assessment, Referral, and Enrollment (CARE) Tool, Virginia providers will record, track, manage and report information on consumers and the services they receive. The CARE Tool will assess and refer consumers within the ADRC network, will be used to monitor contracts, plan programs, analyze unduplicated client counts, map services by locality, and produce monthly, quarterly, and annual NAPIS reports.

The Multi-Agency Case Management Tool will enable pilot agencies serving the same individual to coordinate care online by sharing assessments, care plans, and progress notes. Detailed client information and electronic progress notes will be used to coordinate the care of consumers served by multiple agencies.

"Virginia is taking a great step forward. The ground-breaking GetCare system, in collaboration with the comprehensive SeniorNavigator provider directory, will improve the integration and effectiveness of current case management to bring Virginia's long-

term care consumers closer to the services they need,” said Rick Zawadski, RTZ President.

About RTZ Associates

RTZ Associates, Inc. has provided cutting-edge technology to the nation’s caregivers for more than 25 years. In addition to its information systems work, RTZ Associates offers a range of services that enhance system functionality and usefulness. RTZ brings to its projects 25 years of experience in LTC program planning, financing system development, fund development, state and federal reporting, and long term care research.

RTZ’s growing client base reaches across more than 32 states. In California alone, RTZ’s HOMCarefds manages IHSS provider benefits for a total of 167,446 providers. In San Francisco, GetCare’s CARETool is being used by over 135 programs and over 200 users to record and track client identification, assessment and service information for over 22,000 clients. Arkansas’ GetCare system contains information on over 3,078 services, and manages service enrollments for approximately 20,000 consumers.

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