

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
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**GOVERNOR KAINE ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF
VIRGINIA EASY ACCESS**

~ Virginia Easy Access website links seniors, adults with disabilities and caregivers to human services information and resources ~

RICHMOND – Governor Timothy M. Kaine today announced an on-line resource especially designed for seniors and adults with disabilities.

Virginia Easy Access, presented by the Virginia Department for the Aging, is part of the Commonwealth's No Wrong Door initiative. No Wrong Door offers individuals a simple, single point of entry for information on long-term support options, applications for benefits and other supportive programs. It also provides a secure web-based system that connects state and local public agencies, private organizations and providers, allowing consumer information to be shared in a confidential manner and improving coordination of long-term care services.

“The new *Virginia Easy Access* website is a technology solution for seniors and adults with disabilities throughout the Commonwealth who need assistance with finding services,” Governor Kaine said. “The website is easy to use and will assist caregivers as well as people who need care.”

Virginia Easy Access provides individuals and caregivers information about public benefits and programs and includes a variety of informative topics of interest to seniors and adults with disabilities. This website allows people to search for specific services in each community. Content includes imbedded links that lead the user to more information on every topic.

Virginia Easy Access is also a gateway to VirginiaNavigator, a listing of more than 21,000 programs and services across the Commonwealth powered by SeniorNavigator. The provider database is constantly updated to make available the most comprehensive listing of services and supports in the Commonwealth.

Supported by 2-1-1 Virginia Call Center Operators, citizens may utilize Virginia Easy Access to e-mail questions and receive assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Beginning in the Fall of 2008, *Virginia Easy Access* will enable citizens to complete a Medicaid application on-line and electronically submit it directly to the appropriate local social services agency for processing.

To use *Virginia Easy Access* go to www.easyaccess.virginia.gov.

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