

# THE LOCAL CHOICE E-NEWS

## Department of Human Resource Management State and Local Health Benefits Programs

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### **Important! Updated Employer Data Sheet for TLC Renewal**

As you may know, The Local Choice is moving our eligibility database to the state Benefits Eligibility System (BES) so that we can direct bill for COBRA and retirees as well as have more efficient access to information needed to provide you with improved service. Please use the attached Employer Data Sheet to complete your TLC renewal. The data sheet originally included in Section 2 of the renewal binders does not have all of the information that we need to complete this migration.

Please complete the attached Employer Data Sheet instead of the one in Section 2 of your renewal binder and return to Walt Norman at DHRM **before April 1, 2013**.

We apologize for this extra step. Thank you for your patience as we work through the changes to the eligibility system. If you have any questions, please contact Walt Norman at (804) 786-6460 or at [walter.norman@dhrm.virginia.gov](mailto:walter.norman@dhrm.virginia.gov).

### **Roadshow Coming to a Location Near You**

If you have not already done so, make plans to attend a meeting with The Local Choice (TLC) representatives on the 2013-14 health benefits program. To register for meetings beginning March 12, please contact Walt Norman, TLC program manager, at (804) 786-6460 or send an e-mail to [walter.norman@dhrm.virginia.gov](mailto:walter.norman@dhrm.virginia.gov). The schedule may be found at [www.thelocalchoice.virginia.gov](http://www.thelocalchoice.virginia.gov).

### **Consider CommonHealth Employee Wellness!**

Make the most of the tools that The Local Choice provides! TLC offers your enrollees access to free health education that can be done on-site and tailored to the needs of your particular group. Utilizing health education can help reduce rates and save employers money in the long term. It enhances employee engagement, job satisfaction and overall health while decreasing medical costs and absenteeism. Two programs are available through the end of the plan year, "Lighten Up" (healthy eating) and "Moving Forward with Fitness." Visit [www.commonhealth.virginia.gov/tlc](http://www.commonhealth.virginia.gov/tlc) for further program details and information on free biometric screenings.

If you have not taken advantage of this service, start now. A list of CommonHealth Regional Coordinators and the counties they serve may be found at <http://www.commonhealth.virginia.gov/tlc/coordinators.htm>. Please encourage the appropriate contact within your group to locate your county on the list and schedule a visit with your Regional Coordinator.