Improving the Quality and Safety of Health Care for Virginians

Assessment & Evaluation of Licensed Healthcare Practitioners



Driving forces

- 98,000 to 195,000 deaths each year from preventable medical error
- Quality of care varies widely by area, by income and by service type
- Public expectation that they will receive the right care done right
- US health licensure system created for a different era

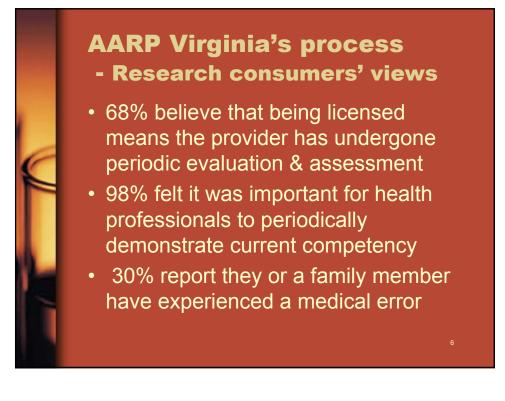
Groundswell for change

- Pew Commission, IOM, FSMB, and others recommend State Licensing Boards require periodic assessment & demonstration of competencies as condition of license renewal
- Board Certified Physicians rapidly moving to require Demonstrations of Competency
- Some other providers (Nurses, Dentists, Pharmacists, Dietitians) studying DOC

AARP Virginia's process

- Create health care reform task force
- Research consumers' views on health care quality
- Dialog with providers on best ways to demonstrate continued competency
- Introduce legislation to require DOC as a condition of relicensing

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AARP Virginia's process - Dialog with providers

- · VA Board of Health Professions
- Governor's Health Care Commission
- Virginia Medical Society
- Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association
- Virginia Dental Association
- Virginia Pharmacists Association
- Virginia Nurses Association
- Virginia Health Care Association

AARP Virginia's process - Introduce legislation

- Commission a study, followed by a report, on how the health professional licensing boards can best implement such a new policy
- Each licensing board will base its requirements on the characteristics of the professions it regulates

Health Care Licensing – VA Board of Health Professions Oversees 13 licensing boards: -Audiology -Counseling -Dentistry -Funeral Dir. -LTC Admin. -Medicine -Optometry -Nursing -Pharmacy -Physical Therapy -Psychology -Social Work -Veterinary Medicine A wide range of practitioners and entities: -Acupuncturist -Athletic Trainer -Chiropractor -Clinical Social Worker -Crematory -Embalmer -Message Therapist -Midwife -Occupational Therapist -Pharmacy Tech. -Podiatrist -Respiratory Care Practitioner -School Psychologist -Speech Pathologist -Substance Abuse Counseling Asst. -Veterinary Technician



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