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New Employee Joins VHQC Leadership Team

[**Richmond, Va.**] – A senior managed care professional has joined the leadership team at Virginia Health Quality Center (VHQC), a health care consulting firm that holds the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) contract for Virginia.

Lester Saltzberg, PhD, is Director of Clinical Review Services, responsible for leading quality and utilization management activities for VHQC's QIO and Independent Review Organization contracts.

Prior to joining VHQC, Saltzberg was Director of Behavioral Health at First Health Services, where he oversaw Medicaid managed care contracts in multiple states. A licensed clinical psychologist, he has amassed 30 years of experience in a variety of health care settings, including leadership roles at several Virginia community mental health centers. In addition, he has served on the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia Department of Psychiatry and as executive director of the Virginia Blue Cross plan's managed behavioral health program.

Saltzberg earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the State University of New York at Oswego, a master's in counseling from the University of Georgia, and a PhD in psychology from Texas A&M University.

VHQC has been the Virginia QIO since 1984. Headquartered in Richmond, it also provides health care assessment and improvement services to clients that include the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission, the states of Indiana and Washington, the Center on Aging at Virginia Commonwealth University and multiple private employers. VHQC is a three-time winner of the U.S. Senate Productivity and Quality Award for Virginia.

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