

# Molina Helps Make History

## MOLINA IMPLEMENTS FIRST-EVER MEDICAID MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS PARTNERSHIP MODEL BETWEEN A STATE AND U.S. TERRITORY

**CHARLESTON, WV** – November 5, 2013 – Molina Medicaid Solutions, the claims processor and Medicaid Management Information Systems (MMIS) manager for the State of West Virginia's Medicaid program, launched the country's first integrated Medicaid system partnership model. This historic piggyback model allows multiple states and territories, in this case West Virginia and the U.S. Virgin Islands, to share the same system in a cost-effective manner. Now having reached the 90-day mark since Molina's system in West Virginia first started processing Medicaid data for the U.S. Virgin Islands, Molina is able to provide the U.S. Virgin Islands with prompt and accurate reporting. This will allow the U.S. territory to easily apply federally-mandated requirements for Medicaid Expansion, Electronic Health Records and provider incentive payments as well as ultimately claim federal matching dollars for its Medicaid program.

"We're excited to be the first to operate this kind of system," said Ruth Ann Panepinto, PhD, executive account director of Molina Medicaid Solutions in West Virginia. "This is an incredibly efficient way for U.S. territories to manage their Medicaid programs at far less the cost of establishing their own independent system. We applaud West Virginia's Department of Health and Human Resources and Bureau of Medical Services as well as the U.S. Virgin Islands' Department of Health for initiating this innovative endeavor and the Department of Human Services, which now administers the U.S. Virgin Islands' Medicaid program, for bringing the project to fruition."

The shared system and platform, which is fully operational, federally certified and completely configurable, enables both the State of West Virginia and the U.S. Virgin Islands to run their respective Medicaid programs independently while concurrently processing claims and paying providers along with managing and storing all other Medicaid-related data.

"We are proud and pleased to be sharing West Virginia's system with the U.S. Virgin Islands, allowing more Medicaid recipients to get the care they need and their providers to get the compensation they deserve in an accurate and timely manner," said Deputy Commissioner Edward Dolly of West Virginia's Bureau of Medical Services. "This unique public-private partnership was made possible because of the involvement and collaboration of several bodies of government including the State of West Virginia, the U.S. Virgin Islands territory and the federal government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. We hope that this model will serve as an example to benefit other states and territories in simplifying the administration of Medicaid programs in the near future."

"We are thrilled to be the first U.S. territory to implement a new Medicaid Management Information System by piggybacking off of West Virginia's current system," said Commissioner Christopher Finch from U.S. Virgin Islands' Department of Human Services. "Because of this historic implementation, the U.S. Virgin Islands is now able to pay providers timely and accurately while meeting all federal standards. Furthermore, this system provides exceptional real-time information about the program's expenditures. All of this allows the U.S. Virgin Islands to better serve its low-income Medicaid members and support the provider community while being even more cost-effective."

