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Position Statement on the Regulation of Home Health Organizations Reporting Misconduct by Health Care Professionals in the Commonwealth of Virginia

It is the state Association's position that amending the reporting regulations for all health care agencies, to include home health organizations would be highly beneficial and in the best interest of the consumer and their families in the Commonwealth. The draft legislation mandates that home health organizations be added to the list of providers such as health care institutions, hospitals and assisted living facilities, which are currently required to report misconduct or substance abuse rendering a health care professional unsafe or unfit to care for patients or residents.

Our Association, representing speech-language pathologists in the Commonwealth, strongly recommends that the Commonwealth consider moving forward with amending this bill, adding home health organizations to the current regulation.

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