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NEW POSITION TO COORDINATE VIRGINIA'S DEMENTIA SERVICES

(RICHMOND, Va.) — Charlotte Arbogast is joining the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services as the Commonwealth's first dementia services coordinator.

Ms. Arbogast, a former policy analyst for the Office of Licensure and Certification at the Virginia Department of Health, begins her new post July 25. As coordinator, she will review existing programs and work with agencies to more effectively deliver services to Virginians with dementia and identify gaps and reduce duplication in those services.

In addition, she will coordinate and support the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission's activities and evaluate the Commonwealth's services for individuals with dementia and their caregivers. She will also support the "[No Wrong Door](#)" initiative, Virginia's approach to delivering convenient and efficient access to health and human services for older adults and adults with disabilities.

The position was created earlier this year by the General Assembly. It was initially proposed by the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorder Commission in its 2011 [Dementia State Plan](#).

Ms. Arbogast, a native of Harrisonburg, holds a master's degree in gerontology and a post-graduate certificate in public management from Virginia Commonwealth University.

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The Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, in collaboration with community partners, provides and advocates for resources and services to improve the employment, quality of life, security, and independence of older Virginians, Virginians with disabilities, and their families. For more information, visit www.vadars.org.