

**Unified Regulatory Plan of the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services for State Fiscal Year
2024**

Prepared on June 30, 2023

Description of Agency or Boards

The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) is designated as the state agency authorized to carry out, administer, or support programs for vocational rehabilitation, other related employment services, independent living for individuals with disabilities, brain injury services, Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center, Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Trust Fund Program, Social Security Administration's Disability Determination Services for SSDI and SSI claimants, the Older Americans Act and services for older Virginians through area agencies on aging, the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and the Public Guardian and Conservator Program, and to develop and supervise local departments of social services in the delivery of adult protective services, adult services, and the Auxiliary Grant Program. The Commissioner of DARS is also required to oversee any human research conducted or authorized by the agency, any sheltered workshop, any center for independent living, and Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center. DARS operates under the supervision of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 4540 | | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document State Plan for Independent Living | | |
| Brief Overview This federal- and state-required plan (SPIL) contains assurances of compliance with federal laws and regulations and attachments describing Virginia's Centers for Independent Living (CILs), Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC), services and providers, and Virginia's goals and objectives for the SPIL period. For FFY 2024, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) is requiring states to extend their SPILs (FFY 2021-2023) for an additional year via a technical amendment that must be approved by ACL. These technical amendments do not include any substantive changes. As required by ACL, the proposed technical amendments will be sent to ACL on June 30, 2023 so that ACL may review and accept the amendments by September 30, 2023, a timeframe that will correspond with a Town Hall public comment period. | | |
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| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute | |
| Deregulatory Component | The SPIL's structure and contents are directed heavily by federal requirements. While DARS' ability to modify some content is limited, DARS will take a closer look at the SPIL for potential opportunities. | |
| Expected Date | July 2023 | |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 5082 | | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance for the Provision of Community Support Services (CSS) Manual | | |
| Brief Overview The Community Support Services (CSS) Manual is a document that VR counselors and service providers will use that provides information related to the service provision of CSS. It details the role of the vocational rehabilitation counselor and employment specialist, when and how to make a referral and authorize services and when to modify or end services. This guidance document is being updated to reflect service provision of CSS with an Employment Service Organization (ESO) only. In addition, updates include ensuring that CSS aligns with serious functional limitations; that users are given practical guidance around CSS; and to maintain value and flexibility of CSS while ensuring consistent statewide use. | | |
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| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute | |

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| Deregulatory Component | This document was last updated in 2018. DARS is taking a comprehensive look at the document's contents with an eye for streamlining requirements, improving the readability, and aligning it with expected practices. |
| Expected Date | July 2023 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Auxiliary Grant and ALF Assessment regulations to comport with changes pursuant to 2023 legislative changes | |
| Brief Overview This action will seek to amend 22VAC30-80 (Auxiliary Grants Program) and 22VAC30-110 (Assessment in Assisted Living Facilities) to comport with 2023 legislative changes to the Code of Virginia. | |
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| Additional Description | <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document |
| Legal Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | This will be Exempt non-discretionary action to comport the definition of "assisted living facility" to the recently revised definition stemming from Chapter 148 of the 2023 Acts of Assembly. |
| Expected Date | August 2023 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 5100 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Virginia State Plan for Aging Services | |
| Brief Overview In accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended and pursuant to Virginia Code § 51.5-136, the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), as the designated State Unit on Aging (SUA), is mandated to submit a state plan on aging services (State Plan) to the U.S. Administration on Community Living (ACL), the Governor and the General Assembly. DARS will develop a new State Plan in collaboration with the state's aging network, including the Commonwealth Council on Aging, the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), the Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and other state agencies, stakeholder organizations, and the older adults DARS serves. The State Plan describes the agency's goals and strategies to achieve its mission, emphasizing the common themes that will enhance the lives of older Virginians moving forward. | |
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| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |

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| Deregulatory Component | The State Plan for Aging Services' structure and contents are directed heavily by federal requirements. While DARS' ability to modify some content is limited, DARS will take a closer look at the State Plan for Aging Services for potential opportunities. |
| Expected Date | August 2023 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 5346 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document AS Auxiliary Grant Policy Manual Chapters A-L and Transmittals | |
| Brief Overview The Auxiliary Grant Manual provides guidance for local departments of social services (LDSS) in determining eligibility of individuals to receive Auxiliary Grant payments. This grant provides a supplement for certain adults who reside in an assisted living facility (ALF), approved adult foster home, or in supportive housing. The guidance document content will be amended to comport with 2023 legislative changes to the Code of Virginia. Other minor technical changes will also be made. | |
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| Legal Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | The Auxiliary Grant Program is a Social Security Administration-authorized and state-operated Optional State Supplement for Social Security Income (SSI). Some content in the manual is directed heavily by federal requirements. While DARS' ability to modify some content may be limited, DARS will take a closer look for potential opportunities. |
| Expected Date | August 2023 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5708/Stage 9239 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Regulations Following Periodic Review | |
| Brief Overview Following a Periodic Review (#2005) of 22VAC30-70 (The Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program) conducted in 2020, the Periodic Review Report of Findings, filed on December 2, 2020, concluded that the regulation be amended. The current chapter requires regulatory changes in order to further define program requirements; protect the health, safety, and welfare of the vulnerable clients; and bring conformity to program standards and operations across the Commonwealth. | |
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| Deregulatory Component | DARS updated and clarified much of this chapter in 2021 through a Fast-Track, non-controversial action. DARS is currently reviewing the regulatory content to identify potential opportunities for inclusion in proposed regulations. |
| Expected Date | October 2023 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 5335 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document AS Assisted Living Facility Private Pay Assessment Manual | |
| Brief Overview This manual provides guidance related to the assessment process for assisted living facilities (ALFs). The focus of this manual is ALF residents and applicants who are private pay. The manual content will be amended to comport with 2023 legislative changes to the Code of Virginia. Other minor technical changes will also be made. | |
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| Legal Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute |
| Deregulatory Component | DARS is currently reviewing the manual for potential opportunities. |
| Expected Date | October 2023 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 5348 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document AS Assisted Living Facility Public Pay Assessment Manual | |
| Brief Overview This manual provides guidance related to the assessment process for assisted living facilities (ALFs). The focus of this manual is ALF residents and applicants who are eligible for or receiving an Auxiliary Grant (AG). The manual content will be amended to comport with 2023 legislative changes to the Code of Virginia. Other minor technical changes will also be made. | |
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| Legal Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute |

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| Deregulatory Component | DARS is currently reviewing the manual for potential opportunities. |
| Expected Date | October 2023 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 4522 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Vocational Rehabilitation Policy and Procedure Manual | |
| Brief Overview The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Policy and Procedure Manual, also known as the VR Policy Manual, outlines the agency's requirements and practices for the implementation of the VR Program in Virginia. Providing additional detail and guidance beyond federal and state regulations, this manual defines the VR Program's eligibility, coverage and services, client rights and responsibilities, financial participation obligations, and other related topics. Generally, this manual is updated periodically throughout the year to align with federal requirements and guidance and to provide improved clarity to the department, stakeholders, and clients. | |
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| Additional Description | <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document |
| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute |
| Deregulatory Component | DARS is taking a comprehensive look at the manual's contents with a focus on streamlining requirements, improving the readability, and aligning it with federal requirements and expected practices. |
| Expected Date | October 2023 and April 2024 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 5349 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document AS Adult Services Manual Chapters 1-9 | |
| Brief Overview This manual outlines the policies for the implementation of the adult services (AS) program. Revisions are expected for Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 in the upcoming year. Changes are needed to: 1) reflect a Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) internal reorganization, 2) comport with 2023 General Assembly legislative changes, 3) comport with a final regulatory action made to 22VAC30-120, Adult Services Approved Providers, and 4) make minor technical corrections and updates. | |
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| Deregulatory Component | DARS is currently reviewing the manual for potential opportunities. |
| Expected Date | October 2023 and December 2023 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 6494 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Work Incentives Specialist Advocate (WISA) Manual | |
| Brief Overview This manual provides information about and requirements for the Work Incentives Specialist Advocates (WISAs) programs and billable services, Division of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) vocational rehabilitation (VR) counselor procedures, and samples of forms for WISA and DRS VR counselors. This manual will need to be revised to update Social Security Income (SSI) payment rates, student-earned income exclusion, Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) references for 2024. | |
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| Additional Description | <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action |
| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute |
| Deregulatory Component | WISA is authorized and awarded by the Social Security Administration, which can limit DARS' ability to modify some content. However, DARS will take a closer look at the WISA Manual for potential opportunities. |
| Expected Date | November 2023 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 6501 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document User's Manual: Uniform Assessment Instrument | |
| Brief Overview This manual provides general instructions regarding the use of the Uniform Assessment Instrument (UAI). The manual content will be amended to comport with 2023 legislative changes to the Code of Virginia. Other minor technical changes will also be made. | |
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| Deregulatory Component | DARS is currently reviewing the manual for potential opportunities. |
| Expected Date | November 2023 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 6495 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document VDA Aging Services Standards: All Standards Combined | |
| Brief Overview The purpose of the VDA Aging Service Standards is to provide minimum standards of practice for Older Americans Act (OAA)-funded programs that assist older adults as outlined in the OAA and as provided by Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). This document is outdated and needs to be reformatted and updated to bring it into alignment with current requirements as set in recent reauthorizations of the OAA. | |
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| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | A number of the Service Standards have not been updated in over five years or more. DARS is taking a comprehensive look at the Services Standards with a focus on streamlining requirements, improving the readability, and aligning it with federal requirements and expected practices. For example, DARS anticipates that standards related to the care coordination programs can be combined. |
| Expected Date | December 2023 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 6504 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Assisted Living Facility Relocation Plan | |
| Brief Overview This document is intended to be used as a resource in the event of a voluntary or involuntary closing of an assisted living facility (ALF) in Virginia. The guidance document will be amended to remove outdated content and make other minor technical changes. | |
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| Deregulatory Component | DARS is currently reviewing the manual for potential opportunities. |
| Expected Date | December 2023 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 4545 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center Governance Manual | |
| Brief Overview This Governance Manual contains policies for the administration and operation of Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center (WWRC). These policies seek to maintain the organization's compliance with applicable federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations. It also advises WWRC clients on rights and responsibilities. WWRC is working to update this manual to align with and reflect current requirements, operations, and service delivery practices. | |
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| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | The Governance Manual has not been updated in over five years. DARS is taking a comprehensive look at it with a focus on streamlining requirements, improving the readability, and aligning it the DARS VR Manual. |
| Expected Date | December 2023 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 5158 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document VDA National Family Caregiver Support Guidance | |
| Brief Overview Funding for the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) is provided under Title III, Part E of the Older Americans Act (OAA). The guidance for the NFCSP was last updated in June 2017. In FFY 2022, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) added several services that could be provided by Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) under the NFCSP, including respite vouchers, assistive technology and durable medical equipment, consumable supplies, and financial consultation. This guidance needs to be revised to reflect these changes. In addition, this service standard will be moved and added to the VDA Aging Services Standards overall document for ease of reference. | |
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| Deregulatory Component | This standalone guidance document will be deleted and an updated version will be integrated into the VDA Aging Services Standards guidance document (ID: 6495), thus consolidating two documents into one. |
| Expected Date | December 2023 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 5343 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document AS Broadcast 5696 Revised Adult Protective Services (APS) Minimum Training Standards | |
| Brief Overview The Adult Protective Services (APS) Minimum Training Standards guidance document will be revised to update mandatory training requirements to be completed in the first year of employment as an APS worker. Other minor technical changes will also be made. | |
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| Legal Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | The document has not been revised in more than 10 years. DARS is currently reviewing the Minimum Training Standards to ensure it is consistent with current practices and training standards in the field of APS. During that process, DARS will review it for other potential opportunities. |
| Expected Date | January 2024 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 6964 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Electronic Storage of CIL Consumer Service Records | |
| Brief Overview This document contains guidance for Centers for Independent Living (CILs) implementing paperless or electronic consumer service record (CSR) storage by maintaining written independent living (IL) plans and waivers as electronic documents in a secure network or cloud storage system. This guidance will be incorporated into the updates to the CIL General Policies and Procedures Manual (ID: 4541) proposed for January 2024. | |
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| Deregulatory Component | This standalone guidance document will be deleted and updated version will be integrated into CIL General Policies and Procedures Manual (ID: 4541), thus reducing the number of DARS guidance documents. |
| Expected Date | January 2024 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 6992 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Electronic Signatures Guidance for Independent Living Centers | |
| Brief Overview This document contains guidance on how Centers for Independent Living (CILs) can permit individuals, guardians, parents, or other legally authorized advocates or representatives to use electronic signatures on independent living (IL) plans, IL plan amendments, and IL plan waivers, or to obtain informed written consent in accordance with IL services regulations. This guidance will be incorporated into the updates to the CIL General Policies and Procedures Manual (ID: 4541) proposed for January 2024. | |
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| Deregulatory Component | This standalone guidance document will be deleted and updated version will be integrated into CIL General Policies and Procedures Manual (ID: 4541), thus reducing the number of DARS guidance documents. |
| Expected Date | January 2024 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 4541 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Centers for Independent Living General Policies and Procedures Manual | |
| Brief Overview This manual contains information and requirements for Centers for Independent Living (CIL) about the state independent living (IL) grant, CIL services and operations, and required policies and procedures. This manual will need to be revised to update policies and procedures in accordance with federal, state, and agency requirements including technical changes (e.g. terminology, acronyms, etc.). | |
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| Deregulatory Component | The CIL Manual has not been updated in over ten years. DARS is taking a comprehensive look at the CIL Manual with a focus on streamlining requirements, improving the readability, and aligning it with federal requirements and expected practices. |
| Expected Date | January 2024 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Vocational Rehabilitation Regulations Following Periodic Review | |
| Brief Overview The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) will seek to amend 22VAC30-20 (Provision of Vocational Rehabilitation Services) following a Periodic Review conducted in 2021. The Periodic Review concluded there was a need to amend the chapter in order to provide minor revisions and clarifications to certain areas, such as financial participation and the release of personal information, among others. The department anticipates putting forward the changes via a Fast-Track action for changes that are deemed non-controversial. | |
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| Deregulatory Component | DARS is currently reviewing the regulatory content to identify potential opportunities for regulatory reductions, increased efficiencies, and improved readability. |
| Expected Date | March 2024 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 4532 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Personal Assistance Services Program Handbook | |
| Brief Overview The Personal Assistance Services (PAS) Handbook provides information about and requirements for participation in the PAS Program. The updates will include changes in the program process, which impacts the roles and responsible of the consumer as the designed Employer of Record (EOR), on-boarding process, and the role of DARS as the fiscal agent. | |
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| Additional Description | <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document |
| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |

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| Deregulatory Component | The PAS Handbook has not been updated in over ten years. DARS is taking a comprehensive look at the PAS Handbook with a focus on streamlining requirements, improving the readability, and aligning it with federal requirements and expected practices. |
| Expected Date | March 2024 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 5161 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document VDA Farm Market Fresh for Seniors Handbook for Farmers | |
| Brief Overview This Handbook applies to all Farmers authorized by DARS to participate in the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) in Virginia, also called the Farm Market Fresh Program. The authorized farmer must comply with principles and procedures outlined in this handbook to participate. This handbook is updated annually to reflect any changes to the application process, transaction requirements, monitoring, and an updated listing of participating farmers. | |
| Regulatory Stage (check one box) | <input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track |
| Additional Description | <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document |
| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | Virginia's SFMNP is authorized and awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This limits DARS' ability to modify some content. However, DARS will take a closer look at the Handbook for potential opportunities. |
| Expected Date | March 2024 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 7199 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP State Plan) [Modification] | |
| Brief Overview The purpose of the SCSEP state plan is for the state and national grantees to work together to develop an action plan for the implementation of the program in the state. Per federal requirements, the SCSEP State Plan requires periodic updates to keep it current and to conform to federal standards and priorities. | |
| Regulatory Stage (check one box) | <input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track |
| Additional Description | <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document |
| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |

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| Deregulatory Component | The SCSEP State Plan structure and contents are directed heavily by federal requirements, which authorizes and funds SCSEP. While DARS' ability to modify some content is limited, DARS will take a closer look at the SCSEP State Plan for potential opportunities. |
| Expected Date | April 2024 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 4526 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document 2024-2027 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Combined State Plan | |
| Brief Overview Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), a Combined State Plan must be submitted to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) that outlines a four-year strategy for the State's workforce development system. The Combined State Plan contains a description of the state's Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services Program, the plans and policies to be followed in carrying out the VR program, and other information requested by the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). | |
| Regulatory Stage (check one box) | <input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track |
| Additional Description | <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document |
| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | The WIOA Combined State Plan structure and contents are directed heavily by federal requirements, which primarily authorizes and funds VR services. While DARS' ability to modify some content is limited, DARS will take a closer look at the WIOA Combined State Plan for potential opportunities. |
| Expected Date | May 2024 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend IL due to WIOA and Periodic Review | |
| Brief Overview This action to amend 22VAC30-30 (Provision of Independent Living Rehabilitation Services) will seek to amend the regulation to comply with the federal regulation implementing WIOA, which is the most recent federal regulation for the independent living (IL) program and IL services. In addition, this action will bring the regulation up to date with the changes in the IL movement that have occurred since this regulation was last amended. | |
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| Additional Description | <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document |

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| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute |
| Deregulatory Component | DARS anticipates there will be numerous areas of the chapter that are derived from outdated federal regulations and can be reduced. DARS is currently identifying ways to streamline the chapter and improve the clarity. |
| Expected Date | June 2024 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5280/Stage 8922 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Regulations Following Periodic Review | |
| Brief Overview This chapter, 22VAC30-60 (Grants to Area Agencies on Aging), prescribes the requirements that the 25 state-designated AAAs in Virginia shall meet in order to receive federal and state funds for various programs, including those for nutrition services, care coordination, legal assistance, information and referral services, and many others. Following a 2019 periodic review, DARS has determined the current chapter requires updates. This regulatory action seeks to clarify content that may be unclear, inconsistent, or obsolete, make adjustments for a modernized AAA and aging-network structure, and ensure consistency with updated federal requirements. | |
| Regulatory Stage (check one box) | <input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track |
| Additional Description | <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action |
| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute |
| Deregulatory Component | DARS is currently reviewing the regulatory content to identify potential reduction opportunities for inclusion in proposed regulations. Additionally, updated federal Older Americans Act regulations (that have not been amended since the original promulgation in 1988) are expected this summer and may impact the development of proposed regulations. |
| Expected Date | June 2024 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 6883 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document State Plan for Assistive Technology | |
| Brief Overview The 21 st Century Assistive Technology Act provides funding to Virginia to operate the state's Assistive Technology (AT) Program, known as the Virginia Assistive Technology System (VATS). VATS is administered by DARS and supports state efforts to improve the provision of assistive technology to individuals with disabilities of all ages through comprehensive, statewide programs. VATS mission is to ensure that Virginians of all ages and abilities can acquire the appropriate, affordable assistive and information technologies and services they need to participate in society as active citizens. VATS is | |

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| required to submit a three-year plan to the U.S. Administration for Community Living to conduct the federally-required AT services and activities, as defined in the AT Act. | |
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| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | The AT State Plan structure and contents are directed heavily by federal requirements, which primarily authorizes and funds each state's AT Program. While DARS' ability to modify some content is limited, DARS will take a closer look at the AT State Plan for potential opportunities. |
| Expected Date | June 2024 |

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) | |
| 4519 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document | |
| Virginia Guide to Supported Employment and Job Coach Training Services | |
| Brief Overview | |
| The purpose is to provide practical and specific information to supplement the Division of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) Policy and Procedure Manual for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR). Where possible, this guide seeks to illustrate evolving best practices gleaned from case examples and data gathered in Virginia. Specifically, the Guide is intended to provide practitioners with guidance in implementing supported employment services. Revisions are needed to update the provisions for the benefits counseling section, align references to federal regulations, update service codes, and clarify the provisions for Long Term Employment Support Services. | |
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| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | DARS intends to review the guide for potential opportunities to reduce the burden, streamline the document, and improve the clarity. |
| Expected Date | June 2024 |

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| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document | |
| Consumer's Guide to Self-Employment | |

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| Brief Overview | |
| The Consumer's Guide to Self-Employment provides insight into the DRS Self-Employment Enterprise program and its procedures as well as what will be expected of consumers. This guide will be updated to bring it into alignment with current practices and expected program improvements. | |
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| Additional Description | <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document |
| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | This guide has not been updated in over ten years. DARS will take a comprehensive look at it with a focus on streamlining requirements, improving the readability, and aligning it with any applicable federal requirements and expected practices. |
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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) | |
| 5079 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document | |
| Vendor Application for Licensed Behavioral Health Services Provider A1205- Guidance Document | |
| Brief Overview | |
| The Vendor Application for Licensed Behavior Health Services provides information about the process and requirements for individuals seeking vendor status with DARS as a licensed provider. The updates will include changes in the program process, requirements, and overall process. | |
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| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | This document has not been updated in almost ten years. DARS intends to take a comprehensive look at it and identify potential opportunities. |
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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) | |
| 5081 | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document | |
| Guidance for the Provision of Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) | |
| Brief Overview | |
| The Guidance for the Provision of Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) provides information about the requirements for the Provision of TBS. It includes requirements, expectations, licensure, and rates | |

as they pertain to vendor services. This document will be updated to bring it into alignment with current practices and expected program improvements.

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| Additional Description | <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document |
| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | DARS will review the guidance for potential opportunities. | |
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| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document | | |
| Licensed Behavioral Health Services - Guidance and Fees Document | | |
| Brief Overview | | |
| The Licensed Behavioral Health Services - Guidance and Fees Document provides information about the requirements for the Licensed Behavioral Health Services to include vendor criteria, expectations, fees as outlined in the manual. This document will be updated to bring it into alignment with current practices and expected program improvements. | | |
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| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | DARS will review the guidance for potential opportunities. | |
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| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document | | |
| Vocational Evaluation Best Practices Manual | | |
| Brief Overview | | |
| The manual is intended to unite all segments of DRS Vocational Evaluation Services in Virginia in an organized fashion to promote consistency of standards and practices under the leadership of the Chief Evaluators who will serve as "Quality Assurance Consults." This manual will be updated to bring it into alignment with current practices and expected program improvements. | | |

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| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | DARS will review the guidance for potential opportunities. | |
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| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document | | |
| Personal Assistance Services Policy and Procedure Manual Chapters 1-5 | | |
| Brief Overview | | |
| The Personal Assistance Services (PAS) Policy and Procedure Manual Chapters 1-5 provides information about the requirements for the PAS program to include eligibility, roles and responsibilities. This manual will need to be revised to update current practices and processes. | | |
| Regulatory Stage (check one box) | <input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Final | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track |
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| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action |
| Deregulatory Component | The PAS Manual has not been updated in over five years. DARS will take a comprehensive look at the PAS Manual with a focus on streamlining requirements, improving the readability, and aligning it with federal and state requirements and expected practices. DARS will update and combine this Manual with Chapters 6-14, which is currently filed as a separate guidance document (ID: 4534). | |
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| 4534 | | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document | | |
| Personal Assistance Services Policy and Procedure Manual Chapters 6 through 14 | | |
| Brief Overview | | |
| The Personal Assistance Services (PAS) Policy and Procedure Manual Chapters 6-14 provides information about the requirements for the PAS program to include eligibility, roles and responsibilities. This manual will need to be revised to update current practices and processes. | | |
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| Legal Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute |
| Deregulatory Component | <p>The PAS Manual has not been updated in over five years. DARS will take a comprehensive look at the PAS Manual with a focus on streamlining requirements, improving the readability, and aligning it with federal and state requirements and expected practices. This standalone guidance document will be deleted and updated version will be integrated into Personal Assistance Services Policy and Procedure Manual Chapters 1-5 (ID: 4533), thus consolidating two documents into one.</p> |
| Expected Date | June 2024 |