

Unified Regulatory Plan of the Department of Social Services for State Fiscal Year 2024

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Description of Agency & Board

The Department of Social Services supervises the administration of public assistance and service programs by local departments social services, under Title 63.2, Welfare (Social Services). Pursuant to § 63.2-217 of the Code of Virginia, the State Board of Social Services is the entity authorized to adopt regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of Title 63.2. Welfare (Social Services). Pursuant to § 63.2-203, the DSS Commissioner shall supervise the administration of the provisions of Title 63.2 and see that all laws pertaining to the Department are carried out. The Department operates under the supervision of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6243/Stage 10007		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend General Procedures Licensure Requirements to Comply with 2023 Legislation (22VAC40-80)		
Brief Overview Amendments will align the regulation with Code of Virginia, pursuant to Chapter 695 of the 2023 Acts of Assembly (SB1508). Amendments explain that a provisional license can be issued for up to 12 months. Currently it is limited to six months.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input checked="" 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 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	N/A	
Expected Date	August 2023	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Establish Year Round Energy Assistance Program & Periodic Review (22VAC40-680)		
Brief Overview The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) regulation provides the framework for a statewide EAP, including the three components of the EAP, which are fuel, crisis, and cooling. This regulation includes the application periods, eligibility criteria, benefits, and administrative costs for each of the three components. This action includes changes to extend the eligibility period for EAP, add details regarding the assistance provided, and update the information regarding administrative costs for local departments of social services.		

Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A	
Expected Date	August 2023	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Amend the CPS Regulation (22VAC40-705)		
Brief Overview		
This regulation establishes the regulatory framework for protecting children from abuse and neglect. This regulation will need to be amended in response to Chapter 771 (HB1550), Chapter 170 (HB1768), and Chapter 56 (SB1367) of the 2023 Acts of Assembly.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<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	N/A	
Expected Date	August 2023	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
5858/9449		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Update Child Support Enforcement Program (22VAC40-880)		
Brief Overview		
Proposed amendments will enhance consistency with the Code of Virginia and applicable federal law. In addition, the Board may make simple amendments where necessary to the existing regulation for the purpose of clarity and reformatting of information to conform to the requirements of the Form, Style, and Procedure Manual for Publication of Virginia Regulations. This action is in follow up to the 2019 periodic review.		
Regulatory Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule

(check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input 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	NA	
Expected Date	October 2023	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
5369/9698		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Amend Standards for Licensed Child-Placing Agencies (22VAC40-131)		
Brief Overview		
This regulation provides requirements for the public and DSS to evaluate the safety and stability of care that children and youth receive from licensed child placing agencies. Proposed amendments are intended to bring the regulation into alignment with federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 and the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018. This regulatory action will also align with applicable requirements other DSS regulations.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input 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	N/A	
Expected Date	October 2023	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Amend General Procedures Licensure Requirements (22VAC40-80)		
Brief Overview		
The agency will propose amendments identified in the periodic review to align with state code requirements and any regulatory reform amendments identified.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input checked="" 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 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	DSS will review this regulation for deregulatory reform and incorporate any identified changes.	
Expected Date	October 2023	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Child & Family Services Manual-CPS Manual		
Brief Overview		
This manual provides guidance to local departments of social services on CPS. It is expected that the manual will need updating in October 2023 to reflect legislative changes that went into effect in July 2023.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input checked="" 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	None	
Expected Date	October 2023	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Child & Family Services Manual- TANF Manual		
Brief Overview		
This manual provides guidance to local departments of social services on TANF. It is expected that the manual will need updating in October 2023 to reflect the new federal poverty levels and the standard deduction figures based on federal directives. In the event of any other new federal directives, the manual may require further updates.		
Regulatory Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule

(check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<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 type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A	
Expected Date	October 2023	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Child & Family Services Manual- SNAP Manual		
Brief Overview		
This manual provides guidance to local departments of social services on SNAP. It is expected that the manual will need updating in October 2023 to reflect changes in the gross and net income limits, standard deductions, and SNAP benefit allotments based on the annual update provided by the USDA. In the event of any other new federal directives, the manual may require further updates.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<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 type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None	
Expected Date	October 2023	
Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available.		

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Child & Family Services Manual, Foster Care Manual		
Brief Overview		
This manual provides guidance to local departments of social services on CPS. It is expected that the manual will need updating in October 2023 to reflect legislative changes that went into effect in May 2023 and July 2023.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule

Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input checked="" 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	None	
Expected Date	October 2023	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Amend the Foster and Adoptive Family Home Approval Standards (22VAC40-211)		
Brief Overview		
This regulation sets out the approval requirements for resource, foster and adoptive family homes providers approved by local departments of social services. This regulation will need to be amended in response to Chapter 340 (HB1744) of the 2023 Acts of Assembly. The legislation directs DSS to promulgate regulations to, among other things, establish a market rate for home studies. HB 1744 has a delayed enactment of January 1, 2024.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<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	N/A	
Expected Date	December 2023	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
6155/9883		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Amend Standards for Assisted Living Facilities (22VAC40-73)		
Brief Overview		
Assisted living facilities are non-medical residential settings that provide or coordinate personal & health care services, 24-hour supervision and assistance for the care of four or more adults who aged, infirm or disabled. This action will simplify and clarify language, improve definitions, and make		

technical edits for ease of understanding and any other changes deemed necessary after public comment and review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This action will include deregulatory amendments. Specific amendments have not yet been identified.	
Expected Date	December 2023	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Amend Home Study Requirements for Licensed Child Placing Agencies (22VAC40-131)		
Brief Overview		
DSS will propose amendments to align the regulation with Chapter 340 of the 2023 Acts of Assembly (HB1744). Amendments will require use of the mutual family assessment home study template, transferability of home studies to other agencies, and a market rate for the home study transfer fee.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input checked="" 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 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	N/A	
Expected Date	December 2023	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Child & Family Services Manual- Resource Family Manual		

Brief Overview	
This manual provides guidance to local departments of social services on resource families. It is expected that the manual will need updating in December 2023 to reflect legislative changes that go into effect in January 2024.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" 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	None
Expected Date	December 2023

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
6126/9845	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Update Human Subject Research Chapter (22 VAC 40-890)	
Brief Overview	
The Department of Social Services follows the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (45 CFR 46 ; also known as the “Common Rule”) to ensure protection of all human subjects participating in research conducted or sponsored by the Department. In addition to updating certain definitions and terms to be congruent with those that appear in other code sections, the agency will amend the regulation to be congruent with new changes to the Common Rule. The Revised Common Rule expands the list of types of research posing minimal risk to human subjects that qualify for either an exemption from IRB review or an expedited review in which only the Chair (or one other IRB member) conducts the review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input 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	N/A
Expected Date	January 2024

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)
Not available.
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document
Amend the Permanency Services Regulation (22VAC40-201)

Brief Overview	
This regulation incorporates comprehensive definitions pertaining to permanency services and provide a regulatory structure for the programs pertaining to permanency for children- Foster Care Prevention, Foster Care, and Adoption. This regulation had a periodic review in January 2023 and it was determined amendments are needed to reflect changes in statute and practice.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input 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 agency will review the regulation throughout the three-stage process to identify discretionary requirements that can be eliminated or reduced.
Expected Date	February 2024

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Amend Liability Insurance Requirements for Assisted Living Facilities (22VAC40-73)	
Brief Overview	
The agency will propose amendments to align with new statutory requirements pursuant to Chapter 580 of the 2023 Acts of Assembly (SB1221). Amendments will establish minimum amounts of liability insurance based on the size of the facility.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input checked="" 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 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	N/A
Expected Date	February 2024

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
5370/9388	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Amend Standards for Licensed Children's Residential Facilities (22VAC40-151)	

Brief Overview	
This regulation provides standards for the public and DSS to evaluate the safety and stability of care that children and youth receive in licensed children's residential facilities (CRF). Proposed amendments align with the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 and the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input 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	Regulatory reduction will be considered for this chapter at the final stage.
Expected Date	February 2024

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Amend Adult Day Care Regulations (22VAC40-61)	
Brief Overview	
The agency will incorporate minor revisions for this regulation, regulatory reform efforts, and any other issues identified by the periodic review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
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	DSS will identify regulatory reduction items and will solicit stakeholder input in the upcoming periodic review.
Expected Date	April 2024

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)
Not available.
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document

Amend Background Check Requirements (22VAC40-90)	
Brief Overview The agency will propose minor amendments identified in the periodic review to align with state code requirements and any regulatory reform amendments identified.	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input 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	DSS will review this regulation for deregulatory reform and incorporate any identified changes.
Expected Date	April 2024

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Child Support State Plan Update	
Brief Overview The Division of Child Support Enforcement maintains a State Plan as a condition of federal funding. The State Plan communicates policy elections and routine organizational information to the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. A possible legislative update in the 2024 General Assembly session will be necessary to comply with federal regulations. If relevant legislation passes, updates to the State Plan will likely occur in March of 2024.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <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 type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	NA
Expected Date	April 2024

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)
Not available

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Administrative Human Resources Manual for Local Departments of Social Services	
Brief Overview	
This manual sets forth policies and procedures for local departments of social services that follow Virginia Department of Social Services personnel policies (non-deviating). Chapters of the manual will require updating, as amendments to 22VAC40-675 become final.	
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 type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A
Expected Date	April 2024

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Amend the General Relief Regulation (22VAC40-411)	
Brief Overview	
The General Relief Program is an optional local program designed to provide assistance to individuals and families which cannot be provided through other means. The General Relief Program is financed through state and local funding. The local General Relief Program is developed by the local department of social services to meet the identified needs of each jurisdiction. A periodic review was conducted in January 2023 and it was determined that the regulation must be amended to reflect the current General Relief program.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	The agency will review the regulation throughout the three-stage process to identify discretionary requirements that can be eliminated or reduced.
Expected Date	April 2024

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)
Not available.

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Requirements for Child Caring Institutions (22VAC40-100)	
Brief Overview The agency will propose minor amendments identified in the periodic review to align with state code requirements and any regulatory reform amendments identified.	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	DSS will review this regulation for deregulatory reform, and incorporate any identified changes.
Expected Date	June 2024

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Regulatory Authority Implementation (22VAC40-880)	
Brief Overview The Office of Attorney General has advised the agency that it may be necessary to issue regulations where statements in the Child Support Enforcement Program Manual may meet the definition of a regulation. The agency is working closely with a workgroup and the OAG to review the content. It is anticipated that a small number of filings will be required in SFY 2024.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A
Expected Date	June 2024

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Background Check Requirements for Child-Welfare Agencies (22VAC40-191)	
Brief Overview The agency will propose minor amendments identified in the periodic review to align with statutory requirements and any regulatory reform amendments identified.	
Regulatory Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA

(check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Revised Proposed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input 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	DSS will review this regulation for deregulatory reform and incorporate any identified changes.	
Expected Date	June 2024	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 5383/9713		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Implement Foster Parent Bill of Rights and Reenforce the Roles of Foster and Adoptive parents		
Brief Overview Chapter 336 of the 2019 Acts of Assembly (HB 2108) required the Department of Social Services (DSS) to promulgate regulations to ensure collaboration, communication, access, and transparency between the local boards, licensed child placing agencies (LCPA), and foster parents.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
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	N/A	
Expected Date	June 2024	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 6132/9853		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Update Standards to Add Appeal Process for Discharge (22VAC40-73)		
Brief Overview Assisted living facilities (ALF) are non-medical residential settings that provide or coordinate personal & health care services, 24-hour supervision and assistance for the care of four or more adults who aged, infirm or disabled. This action will align the regulation with Chapter 706 of the 2022 Acts of Assembly (SB40), which added requirements for involuntary discharge of ALF residents.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
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	N/A
Expected Date	June 2024

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 6187/9928	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Family Engagement Services (22VAC40-880)	
Brief Overview This action will amend the Child Support Enforcement Program regulation to add provisions regarding family engagement services. It will establish services to assist persons with a duty to pay child support with resources to meet the requirements of their child support obligation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A
Expected Date	June 2024