

Unified Regulatory Plan of the Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for State Fiscal Year 2024

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Description of Agency or Boards

The Department of Deaf and Hard of Hearing is the policy-making entity responsible for the administrative procedures in the provision of accessible telecommunication-related and interpreting related services as well as other activities pertinent to service provision for deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind people throughout the Commonwealth. Acting through the Director, the Department is authorized to adopt regulations necessary or incidental to the performance of duties or execution of powers conferred by law. Title 2.2, Chapter 40 of the Code of Virginia provides that the Department shall promulgate administrative procedures in the executive branch. The Department operates under the supervision of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Title 22. Social Services. Agency 20. Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. Chapter 20. Regulations Governing Eligibility Standards and Application Procedures for the Distribution of Assistive Technology Equipment	
Brief Overview The Code of Virginia directed the Department to promulgate regulatory framework concerning eligibility and application procedures regarding the distribution of assistive technology to deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind people. The Department must address eligibility criteria for approving applicants of the equipment distribution program, and an application submittal procedure.	
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
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Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Title 22. Social Services. Agency 20. Department For The Deaf And Hard-Of-Hearing. Chapter 30. Regulations Governing Interpreter Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	
Brief Overview	
The Code of Virginia directed the Department to promulgate regulatory framework concerning statewide coordination of providing interpreter services to government agencies and deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind people as well as publishing a directory of interpreters available to interpret throughout the Commonwealth. The Code also directed the Department to provide an assessment and rating system of interpreters' interpreting proficiency.	
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