

**Unified Regulatory Plan of the Department of Social Services for State Fiscal Year 2025**

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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 agency 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.

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> 6510/10390	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Amend the CPS Regulation for Parental Child Safety Placement Program	
<b>Brief Overview</b> Legislation passed during the 2024 Regular Session requires the State Board of Social Services to amend 22VAC40-705, Child Protective Services. Chapters 629 and 662 establish the Parental Child Safety Placement Program to promote and support placements of children with relatives to avoid foster care.  In addition, Chapters 779 and 829 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly replace “child advocacy center” with “children’s advocacy center,” and makes other changes related to who can interview a child.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	N/A
<b>Expected Date</b>	July 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Reduce Discretionary Requirements for Virginia Independence Program and Follow Up to Periodic Review	
<b>Brief Overview</b> The State Board of Social Services will amend 22VAC40-35, Virginia Independence Program. Amendments are needed because of the 2021 Special Session One and 2022 Regular Session. Chapter 209 of the 2021 Acts of Assembly and Chapter 298 of the 2022 Acts of Assembly amended the subsidy amount in the Full Employment Plan and added an exemption from participating in the VIEW Program. In addition, regulatory burden will be reduced.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule

	<input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	N/A
<b>Expected Date</b>	August 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Reduce Discretionary Requirements for Criminal Record Checks for ALF and Adult Day Care	
<b>Brief Overview</b> The State Board of Social Services is authorized to promulgate regulations for 22VAC40-90, Criminal Record Checks for Assisted Living Facilities and Adult Day Care Centers. A periodic review is under way and the agency intends to amend the chapter to reduce regulatory burden.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	Specific deregulatory components identified include amending storage requirements for background checks and removing requirements that are duplicated in the Code or another regulation.
<b>Expected Date</b>	August 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Reduce Discretionary Requirements for Standards for Licensed Child Placing Agencies	
<b>Brief Overview</b> The State Board of Social Services is authorized to promulgate regulations for 22VAC40-131, Standards for Licensed Child-Placing Agencies. The agency intends to amend the regulation to reduce regulatory burden.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute

<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	Specific deregulatory components identified include removing duplicative requirements within the regulation and from other regulations and the Code of Virginia.
<b>Expected Date</b>	August 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Reduce Discretionary Requirements for Standards for Licensed Independent Homes	
<b>Brief Overview</b> The State Board of Social Services is authorized to promulgate regulations for 22VAC40-141, Minimum Standards for Licensed Independent Foster Homes. Currently there are no homes subject to this chapter. The agency intends to the amend the chapter to reduce regulatory burden.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	Specific deregulatory components identified include removing duplicative requirements within the regulation.
<b>Expected Date</b>	August 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Reduce Discretionary Requirements for Standards for Licensed Children’s Residential Facilities and Add Office of Children’s Ombudsman	
<b>Brief Overview</b> Legislation passed during the 2024 Regular Session will require the State Board of Social Services to amend 22VAC40-151, Standards for Licensed Children’s Residential Facilities. Chapter 280 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly authorizes the Office of Children’s Ombudsman to request that children’s residential facilities grant access and provide consent to interview children in foster who are subject of or the complainant in an investigation.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	Specific deregulatory components identified include removing the verification requirement for applicants for certain positions, removing the wilderness

	campsite program requirements, and removing duplicative requirements within the regulation and from the Code of Virginia.
<b>Expected Date</b>	August 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b>	
Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b>	
Reduce Discretionary Requirements for Background Checks for Child Welfare Agencies	
<b>Brief Overview</b>	
The State Board of Social Services is authorized to promulgate regulations for 22VACC40-191, Background Checks for Child Welfare Agencies. While no comments were received during the most recent periodic review, the agency intends to amend the regulation to reduce regulatory burden.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	Specific deregulatory components identified include reducing division procedures for the waiver process and removing requirements that are duplicated in the Code or another regulation.
<b>Expected Date</b>	August 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b>	
Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b>	
Reduce Discretionary Requirements for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	
<b>Brief Overview</b>	
The State Board of Social Services is authorized to promulgate regulations for 22VAC40-295, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Based on a recent internal review, the agency intends to amend the chapter to reduce regulatory burden.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	Specific deregulatory components are being identified. Most discretionary requirements are in a document incorporated by reference- "Virginia Department of Social Services Child Care Services Policy, Volume VII, Section II, Chapter D, Revised 2000."
<b>Expected Date</b>	August 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b>	
Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b>	
Reduce Discretionary Requirements for General Procedures & Information for Licensure	
<b>Brief Overview</b>	
The State Board of Social Services is authorized to promulgate regulations for 22VAC40-80, General Procedures and information for Licensure. A periodic review will be due in June 2024, and the agency intends to amend the regulation to reduce regulatory burden.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	Specific deregulatory components identified include removing requirements that are duplicated in the Code or another regulation. Public comment will also be considered during the review.
<b>Expected Date</b>	August 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b>	
Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b>	
Reduce Discretionary Requirements for Minimum Standards for Licensed Child Caring Institutions	
<b>Brief Overview</b>	
The State Board of Social Services is authorized to promulgate regulations for 22VAC40-100, Minimum Standards for Licensed Child Caring Institutions. The agency intends to amend the regulation to reduce regulatory burden.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	Specific deregulatory components identified include revising definitions to match Code of Virginia definitions, updating the name of current state agencies and the Code of Virginia citations, revising staff qualifications to current degree terms, and removing duplicative requirements within the regulation and other regulations.
<b>Expected Date</b>	August 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b>	
Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b>	
Amend Child Abuse and Neglect Out of Family Complaints in Response to Periodic Review	
<b>Brief Overview</b>	
The State Board of Social Services will amend 22VAC40-730, Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect Complaints in Out of Family Complaints. No comments were received during the most recent periodic review. However, an internal review concluded that amendments are needed to be consistent with 22VAC40-705 and Virginia statute. In addition, duplicative information will be deleted, and simple amendments will be made to conform to the "Form, Style, and Procedure Manual for Publication of Virginia Regulations."	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	N/A
<b>Expected Date</b>	October 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b>	
Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b>	
Reduce Discretionary Requirements for Child Support Enforcement Program	
<b>Brief Overview</b>	
The State Board of Social Services is amending 22VAC40-880, Child Support Enforcement Program. The agency intends to amend the regulation to reduce discretionary regulatory burden.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	Specific deregulatory components are being determined.
<b>Expected Date</b>	October 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> 5369/9698	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Amend Standards for Licensed Child-Placing Agencies	
<b>Brief Overview</b> The State Board of Social Services is amending 22VAC40-131, Minimum Standards for Licensed Private 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.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	N/A
<b>Expected Date</b>	February 2025

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> 6155/9883	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Amend Standards for Assisted Living Facilities	
<b>Brief Overview</b> The State Board of Social Services is amending 22VAC40-73, Standards for Licensed Assisted Living Facilities. 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. The action will include regulatory reduction.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	Specific amendments have not yet been identified.
<b>Expected Date</b>	February 2025



<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> 6410/10241	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Minimum Liability Insurance for Assisted Living Facilities	
<b>Brief Overview</b> The State Board of Social Services is amending 22VAC40-73, Standards for Licensed Assisted Living Facilities. Legislation passed during the 2023 Regular Session required the State Board of Social Services to promulgate an emergency regulation. Chapter 580 of the 2023 Acts of Assembly established minimum amounts of liability insurance based on the size of the facility. An enactment clause exempts assisted living facilities from the provisions of the act and resulting regulations until 180 days pass following the effective date of the regulations.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	N/A
<b>Expected Date</b>	February 2025

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> 5370/9388	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Amend Standards for Licensed Children’s Residential Facilities	
<b>Brief Overview</b> The State Board of Social Services is amending 22VAC40-151, Standards for Licensed Children’s Residential Facilities. Proposed amendments align with the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 and the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	N/A
<b>Expected Date</b>	February 2025

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> 6336/10148	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Rename Program and Modify Local Reimbursement Formula	
<b>Brief Overview</b> The State Board of Social Services is amending 22VAC40-325, Fraud Reduction/Elimination Effort (FREE). This action will rename fraud control efforts to the “Statewide Fraud Control Program.” In addition, it will revise the formula used to calculate annual reimbursement to local departments of social services for their fraud control efforts.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	N/A
<b>Expected Date</b>	April 2025

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> 6506/10385	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Reduce Discretionary Requirements for Standards & Regulations for Licensed Adult Day Care and Follow Up to Periodic Review	
<b>Brief Overview</b> The State Board of Social Services is authorized to promulgate regulations for 22VAC40-61, Standards and Regulations for Licensed Adult Day Care Centers. A 2024 periodic review concluded with the decision to amend the regulation in response to public comment and to remove regulatory burden.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	Specific deregulatory components identified include amending the requirements for the designated activities staff person, amending the incident report record requirements, removing outdated training program language and removing requirements that are duplicated in the Code or another regulation. burdens

	that do not impact the quality of life of participants. Areas of concern noted in public comment included but were not limited to discharge requirements, transportation, staff qualifications and first aid/CPR.
<b>Expected Date</b>	April 2025

**Guidance Documents**

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b>	
Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b>	
Child Protective Services Guidance Manual	
<b>Brief Overview</b>	
Update guidance based on 2024 legislation General Assembly action. Chapters 629 and 662 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly established the Parental Child Safety Placement Program.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	
<b>Expected Date</b>	July 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b>	
Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b>	
Family Engagement Guidance Manual	
<b>Brief Overview</b>	
Update guidance based on 2024 legislation General Assembly action. Chapters 629 and 662 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly established the Parental Child Safety Placement Program.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	
<b>Expected Date</b>	July 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b>	
Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b>	
Prevention/In-Home Guidance Manual	
<b>Brief Overview</b>	
Update guidance based on 2024 legislation General Assembly action. Chapters 629 and 662 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly established the Parental Child Safety Placement Program.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	
<b>Expected Date</b>	July 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b>	
Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b>	
Adoption Guidance Manual	
<b>Brief Overview</b>	
Make minor updates based on 2024 legislation General Assembly action.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	
<b>Expected Date</b>	August 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Resource Family Guidance Manual	
<b>Brief Overview</b> Update guidance to reflect legislation passed during the 2023 General Assembly regarding reciprocity of adoption and foster care home studies.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	
<b>Expected Date</b>	August 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Guidance Manual	
<b>Brief Overview</b> Update guidance with new federal poverty guideline numbers each October.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	
<b>Expected Date</b>	October 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> SNAP Guidance Manual	
<b>Brief Overview</b> Update guidance with new federal poverty guideline numbers each October.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<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
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	
<b>Expected Date</b>	October 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> Not available	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Local Department of Social Services Administrative/HR Manual Chapters 2, 5, & 8	
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