

**Unified Regulatory Plan of the  
Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
for State Fiscal Year 2023**

Prepared on September 30, 2022

**Description of Agency or Boards**

The Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is the policy-making entity responsible for the administrative procedures in the Technology Assistance Program (TAP). Acting through the Director, the Department is authorized to adopt regulations necessary or incidental to the execution of powers conferred by law. Title 51.5, Chapter 13 of the Code of Virginia provides that the Department shall prescribe by regulation eligibility standards and application procedures for the distribution of assistive technology equipment. The Department operates under the supervision of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> No Action Planned	
<b>Brief Overview</b> Title 51.5 Chapter 13 of the Code of Virginia directed the Department to promulgate a regulatory framework concerning equipment distribution program. The 22VAC20-20-10 (Regulations Governing Eligibility Standards and Application Procedures for the Distribution of Assistive Technology Equipment) to provide for assistive technology. As required by the Code, the Department must operate a program of technology assistance and services including distribution of devices.	
<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 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>	The Department anticipates that legislation is needed to amend (update) the Code before promulgating amendments to the VAC.
<b>Expected Date</b>	

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<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> No Action Planned	
<b>Brief Overview</b> Title 51.5 Chapter 13 of the Code of Virginia directed the Department to promulgate a regulatory framework concerning the provision of statewide coordination of interpreter services. The 22VAC20-30-10 (Regulations Governing Interpreter Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) to provide for interpreter services. As authorized by the Code, the Department must establish, maintain and coordinate a statewide service to provide courts, state and local legislative bodies and agencies, both public and private	
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