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DATE: June 29, 2015

TO: All Licensed Providers, Licensing Administrators, Licensing Inspectors

FROM: Lynne Williams, Director
Division of Licensing Programs

SUBJECT: General Procedures – Public Comment Period Open

The State Board of Social Services has authorized the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) to begin repeal and replacement of the regulation General Procedures and Information for Licensure, 22 VAC 40-80 et seq. This regulation sets forth licensing procedures and information that pertains to all of VDSS' licensed adult and child programs.

The current regulation was promulgated in 1984. There has been no comprehensive revision during the past three decades to incorporate changed practices and procedures. Repeal of the existing regulation and adoption of a new regulation is the most effective way to incorporate all applicable requirements from the Code of Virginia and make the necessary changes to achieve clarity and consistency with current practices and procedures. The majority of the repealed regulation will be incorporated into the new regulation. This regulatory action is being taken on advice from the Office of the Attorney General.

The initial public comment period on the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) will run from the publication date of June 29, 2015 through July 29, 2015. The purpose of a NOIRA is to announce the determination by an agency – VDSS in this case - to promulgate, amend or repeal a regulation. The NOIRA is VDSS' notice that it intends to repeal 22 VAC 40-80 and establish a comprehensive new regulation, 22 VAC 40-81. The regulation itself is not complete and has not been presented to or approved by the State Board. There is, therefore, no hyperlink to regulatory language.

If you have guidance or input on the regulation that you would like considered as the proposed replacement regulation is being developed, you may submit comments via the Regulatory Town Hall

website, <http://www.townhall.virginia.gov>; or by mail, email or fax to Janice M. Sigler, 801 East Main Street, Richmond VA 23219; fax: (804) 726-7132; jan.sigler@dss.virginia.gov. Written comments must include the name and address of the commenter. In order to be considered, comments must be received by midnight on the last day of the public comment period.