

Proposed Repeal of the Regulation for *State Plan for the Provision of Children's Specialty Services*
Statement of Anticipated Regulatory Impacts

Repeal of the regulation for *State Plan for the Provision of Children's Specialty Services* will have no fiscal impact. These services are not mandated. Whether it is a regulation or a policy manual, families will be subject to the scope and limits of services that can be funded within available federal and state appropriations.

Fund source, budget activity, and expenditures

The *State Plan for the Provision of Children's Specialty Services* is funded by the federal Title V Maternal and Child Health Services block grant and by state general funds. The funding sources and budget will remain the same whether or not the *State Plan* is a regulation. Repeal of this regulation will require no one-time or on-going expenditures.

Projected costs on localities

Repeal of the regulation will entail no cost to localities.

Entities likely to be affected

No individuals, businesses, or other entities will be affected by repeal of the regulation. Whether the *State Plan* is a regulation or a policy manual, families will be subject to the scope and limits of services that can be funded within available federal and state appropriations. Having the *State Plan* as a policy manual will allow a simple process for updating it as protection of public health requires from time to time. It can be kept more current since it will not have to undergo the regulation process that takes months to complete.

Because repeal of the regulation will allow for a less burdensome process for revising the *State Plan*, it is likely to facilitate changes in the scope and delivery of services for the estimated 190,600 children in Virginia with special health care needs and their families, 11,160 of whom received direct services through the *State Plan* in fiscal year 1998. Any change is likely to affect those entities that provide services to this population, including academic medical centers in Virginia, hospitals, volunteer organizations, other state agencies and programs, and primary care physicians, as well as children with special health care needs and their families. The anticipated result of repeal of the regulation is a more dynamic program of services that better meets the needs of children with special health care needs and their families