



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	18VAC76-40
Regulation title	Regulations Governing Emergency Contact Information
Action title	Conforming use of information to change in Code
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

Currently section 20 states that emergency contact information provided by a health care professional is used only in the event of a public health emergency or for the purpose of disseminating notification of a public health emergency. HB2405, which was part of the Governor's legislative package for 2009, extends the use of such information for the dissemination of public health information or for providing information related to serving during a public health emergency. The amendments to section 20 will include the additional intended use for emergency contact information.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On April 20, 2009, the Director of the Department of Health Professions amended 18VAC76-40-10 et seq., Regulations Governing Emergency Contact Information, in order to conform regulations to changes to § 54.1-2506.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is no impact on the family.