



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

18 VAC 76-40 – Regulations Governing Emergency Contact Information
Department of Health Professions
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

As a result of a request by dental hygienists and as part of a periodic review, the Department of Health Professions (DHP) proposes to add nursing home administrators, assisted living facility administrators and dental hygienists to the list of licensees that must provide emergency contact information so that they can be contacted for the purposes of disseminating information in the case of a public health emergency.

Result of Analysis

Benefits likely outweigh costs for these proposed regulatory changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

DHP maintains a list of contact information for licensed health care professionals who are required to provide such information so that they can be contacted in the instance of a public health emergency in the Commonwealth. DHP staff reports that the required information is collected at the same time, and on the same form, as license renewal information. DHP proposes to add three new groups of licensees to this list: nursing home administrators, assisted living facility administrators and dental hygienists. Dental hygienists may be the main point of contact for patients seeking dental care so having them be contacted in the case of a public health emergency will allow greater dissemination of that information to those patients. Likewise, having information on hand to more easily contact nursing home and assisted living facility administrators will better allow them to protect and treat the vulnerable, older populations that they serve. Licensees affected by these regulatory changes are unlikely to incur additional costs because they only have to provide their contact information on a form they already fill out and

because there is no adverse consequences for failing or forgetting to report. Populations served by these licensees, as well as anyone those populations might secondarily inform, will benefit from these licensees being able to disseminate public health emergency information.

Businesses and Entities Affected

DHP reports that there are 737 nursing home administrators, 592 assisted living facility administrators and 4,879 dental hygienists in the Commonwealth who will be affected by these regulations.

Localities Particularly Affected

No localities will be particularly affected by these proposed regulatory changes.

Projected Impact on Employment

This regulatory action will likely have little impact on employment in the Commonwealth.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

No affected small business is likely to incur costs on account of these proposed regulations.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

No affected small business is likely to incur costs on account of these proposed regulations.

Real Estate Development Costs

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on real estate development costs in the Commonwealth.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act

and Executive Order Number 14 (10). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.