

Office of Regulatory Management
Economic Review Form

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Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	12 VAC 5-105
VAC Chapter title(s)	Rabies Regulations
Action title	Rabies Regulations Periodic Review
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Regulatory Stage (including Issuance of Guidance Documents)	Periodic Review

Cost Benefit Analysis

Complete Tables 1a and 1b for all regulatory actions. You do not need to complete Table 1c if the regulatory action is required by state statute or federal statute or regulation and leaves no discretion in its implementation.

Table 1a should provide analysis for the regulatory approach you are taking. Table 1b should provide analysis for the approach of leaving the current regulations intact (i.e., no further change is implemented). Table 1c should provide analysis for at least one alternative approach. You should not limit yourself to one alternative, however, and can add additional charts as needed.

Report both direct and indirect costs and benefits that can be monetized in Boxes 1 and 2. Report direct and indirect costs and benefits that cannot be monetized in Box 4. See the ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual for additional guidance.

Impact on Local Partners

Use this chart to describe impacts on local partners. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 2: Impact on Local Partners

<p>(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)</p>	<p>This Periodic Review decision does not change the impact on local partners.</p> <p>Direct Costs: Any clinics owned/operated by local government, such as local health departments, are affected by this regulation. Local health departments will continue to incur personnel costs related to the mandatory response to human and companion animal rabies exposures. Additionally, local animal control services will incur personnel costs related to the capture, confinement, isolation, or euthanasia of any animal that has exposed, or poses a risk to human or domestic animal health.</p> <p>Actual costs are difficult to quantify as costs will vary based on the salary of the employee performing each of these duties, the volume of human and companion animal rabies exposures, and employee efficiency while performing assigned duties. For the purposes of this form, VDH has assumed that all monetizable costs will be borne by local health departments.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: \$0</p> <p>Direct Benefits: \$0</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: \$0</p>	
<p>(2) Present Monetized Values</p>	<p>Direct & Indirect Costs</p>	<p>Direct & Indirect Benefits</p>
	<p>(a) \$0 (but see explanation above)</p>	<p>(b) \$0 (but see explanation above)</p>
<p>(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)</p>	<p>Benefits:</p> <p>(1) These regulations are necessary for the protection of public health. Rabies is nearly 100 percent fatal and is highly endemic in the Commonwealth.</p> <p>(2) The regulatory language is functional for all those involved in rabies prevention, control, and response efforts, such as local partners, and benefits families and businesses that may require associated assistance from these local entities.</p>	
<p>(4) Assistance</p>	<p>There is no additional assistance needed for local partners as a result of this periodic review decision.</p>	

(5) Information Sources	None
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Impacts on Families

Use this chart to describe impacts on families. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 3: Impact on Families

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>This Periodic Review decision does not change the impact on families.</p> <p>Direct Costs: \$0</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Any costs incurred by families would be a result of a business choosing to pass costs along to consumers. These costs should be negligible; low-cost options to obtain rabies vaccines are built into the regulations.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: \$0</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: \$0</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) \$0 (but see explanation above)	(b) \$0 (but see explanation above)
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	<p>Benefits:</p> <p>(1) Rabies control and prevention makes all our lives safer, particularly for pet-owning families. Rabies is nearly 100 percent fatal and highly endemic in the Commonwealth.</p> <p>(2) The regulatory language is functional for all those involved in rabies prevention, control, and response efforts and benefits families and businesses that may require associated assistance from these entities.</p> <p>(3) Owners of animals for whom a rabies vaccination “would likely endanger the animal’s life due to a previously diagnosed disease or other previously documented medical consideration as documented by a licensed veterinarian” have the opportunity to be exempted from rabies vaccination requirements.</p>	
(4) Information Sources	None	

Impacts on Small Businesses

Use this chart to describe impacts on small businesses. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 4: Impact on Small Businesses

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>This Periodic Review decision does not change the impact on small businesses.</p> <p>Direct Costs: \$0</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Veterinary practices could lose potential revenue due to localities offering low-cost vaccine clinics. That said, if people are unable to afford a rabies vaccine for their animal, the revenue for a rabies vaccine was not likely to come the way of a veterinary practice anyway.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: \$0</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: \$0</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) \$0 (but see explanation above)	(b) \$0 (but see explanation above)
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	<p>Benefits:</p> <p>(1) The regulatory language is functional for all those involved in rabies prevention, control, and response efforts and benefits families and businesses that may require associated assistance from these entities.</p>	
(4) Alternatives	<p>There are no alternatives to the regulations or the periodic review of the regulatory chapter.</p>	
(5) Information Sources	<p>None</p>	