

Office of Regulatory Management
Economic Review Form

Agency name	State Board of Social Services
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	22 VAC 40-211
VAC Chapter title(s)	Foster and Adoptive Family Home Approval Standards
Action title	Implement Foster Parent Bill of Rights and Reenforce the Role of Foster and Adoptive Parents
Date this document prepared	August 17, 2022 UPDATED 9/25/2024
Regulatory Stage (including Issuance of Guidance Documents)	Final

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.

Table 1a: Costs and Benefits of the Proposed Changes (Primary Option)

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a final regulation and no changes were made since the proposed stage. The action seeks to implement the Foster Parent Bill of Rights as a result of Chapter 336 of the 2019 Acts of Assembly that directs DSS to promulgate regulations to ensure collaboration, communication, access, and transparency between the local boards, licensed child placing agencies (LCPA), and foster parents. <p>Direct Costs: There are no direct costs of this regulatory action.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There are no indirect costs of this regulatory action.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There are no direct benefits of this regulatory action beyond complying with Virginia Code.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There are no indirect benefits, as this regulatory action only brings the regulation into compliance with existing state law to clarify the rights of foster parents and delineate the dispute process to ensure collaboration, communication, access, and transparency between the local boards, LCPA, and foster parents.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) \$0.00	(b) \$0.00
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	\$0.00	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	\$0.00	
(5) Information Sources	No information sources since there is no cost or direct benefit.	

Table 1b: Costs and Benefits under the Status Quo (No change to the regulation)

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This regulatory action is necessary to align the regulation with the Code of Virginia. <p>Direct Costs: N/A</p> <p>Indirect Costs: N/A</p>	
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	Direct Benefits: N/A. Indirect Benefits: N/A	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) \$0.00	(b) \$0.00
(3) Net Monetized Benefit		
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)		
(5) Information Sources		

Table 1c: Costs and Benefits under Alternative Approach(es)

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no alternative approach. This regulatory action brings the regulation into compliance with existing state law. <p>Direct Costs: N/A</p> <p>Indirect Costs: N/A</p> <p>Direct Benefits: N/A</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: N/A</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) \$0.00	(b) \$0.00
(3) Net Monetized Benefit		
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)		

(5) Information Sources	
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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

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Local partners are not impacted as this regulatory action only brings the regulation into compliance with existing state law to clarify the rights of foster parents and delineate the dispute process to ensure collaboration, communication, access, and transparency between the local boards, LCPA, and foster parents.</p> <p>Direct Costs: N/A</p> <p>Indirect Costs: N/A</p> <p>Direct Benefits: N/A</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: N/A</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	<p>Direct & Indirect Costs</p> <p>(a) \$0.00</p>	<p>Direct & Indirect Benefits</p> <p>(b) \$0.00</p>
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)		
(4) Assistance		
(5) Information Sources	<p>No information sources as there are no costs and benefits.</p>	

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>Families are not impacted as this regulatory action only brings the regulation into compliance with existing state law to clarify the rights of foster parents and delineate the dispute process to ensure collaboration, communication, access, and transparency between the local boards, LCPA, and foster parents.</p> <p>Direct Costs: N/A</p> <p>Indirect Costs: N/A</p> <p>Direct Benefits: N/A</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: N/A</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) \$0.00	(b) \$0.00
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)		
(4) Information Sources	No information sources as there are no costs and benefits.	

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>Small businesses are not impacted as this regulatory action only brings the regulation into compliance with existing state law to clarify the rights of foster parents and delineate the dispute process to ensure collaboration, communication, access, and transparency between the local boards, LCPA, and foster parents.</p> <p>Direct Costs: N/A</p> <p>Indirect Costs: N/A</p> <p>Direct Benefits: N/A</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: N/A</p>	
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(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) \$0.00	(b) \$0.00
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)		
(4) Alternatives	No alternatives as the regulatory action has no impact on small businesses	
(5) Information Sources	No information sources as there are no costs or benefits.	

Changes to Number of Regulatory Requirements

Table 5: Regulatory Reduction

For each individual action, please fill out the appropriate chart to reflect any change in regulatory requirements, costs, regulatory stringency, or the overall length of any guidance documents.

Change in Regulatory Requirements

VAC Section(s) Involved*	Authority of Change	Initial Count	Additions	Subtractions	Total Net Change in Requirements
-130	(M/A):	n/a	0	0	0
	(D/A):	n/a	0	0	0
	(M/R):	n/a	24	0	+24
	(D/R):	n/a	2	0	+2
Grand Total of Changes in Requirements:					(M/A):0 (D/A):0 (M/R):24 (D/R):2

Key:

Please use the following coding if change is mandatory or discretionary and whether it affects externally regulated parties or only the agency itself:

(M/A): Mandatory requirements mandated by federal and/or state statute affecting the agency itself

(D/A): Discretionary requirements affecting agency itself

(M/R): Mandatory requirements mandated by federal and/or state statute affecting external parties, including other agencies

(D/R): Discretionary requirements affecting external parties, including other agencies

Cost Reductions or Increases (if applicable)

VAC Section(s) Involved*	Description of Regulatory Requirement	Initial Cost	New Cost	Overall Cost Savings/Increases

Other Decreases or Increases in Regulatory Stringency (if applicable)

VAC Section(s) Involved*	Description of Regulatory Change	Overview of How It Reduces or Increases Regulatory Burden

Length of Guidance Documents (only applicable if guidance document is being revised)

Title of Guidance Document	Original Word Count	New Word Count	Net Change in Word Count

*If the agency is modifying a guidance document that has regulatory requirements, it should report any change in requirements in the appropriate chart(s).