

Office of Regulatory Management  
Economic Review Form

<b>Agency name</b>	Department of Social Services-Division of Benefit Programs
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)</b>	N/A
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**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)	The proposed guidance changes do not have any direct or indirect costs and benefits. The guidance changes are to align VDSS guidance with new federal laws in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 and the annual updates for SNAP published by FNS. The guidance merely reflects those changes that will go into effect on October 1, 2023. While the federal law and FNS updates may have costs and benefits, the guidance changes in and of themselves do not. The changes are outside of the control of VDSS and these guidance changes will only ensure that our guidance contains the most up-to-date information.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	N/A	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	No other costs or benefits.	
(5) Information Sources	N/A	

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

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	The status quo does not have direct or indirect costs and benefits. The guidance changes are to align VDSS guidance with new federal laws in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 and the annual updates for SNAP published by FNS. The guidance merely reflects those changes that will go into effect on October 1, 2023. While the federal law and FNS updates may have costs and benefits, the guidance changes in and of themselves do not. The changes are outside of the control of VDSS and these guidance changes will only ensure that our guidance contains the most up-to-date information.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	N/A	

(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	No other costs or benefits.
(5) Information Sources	N/A

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

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	There are no alternative approaches. The guidance is merely being updated to reflect changes that will go into effect on October 1, 2023.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	N/A	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	No other costs or benefits.	
(5) Information Sources	N/A	

**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)	The proposed guidance changes do not directly or indirectly impact local partners.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A

(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	No other costs or benefits.
(4) Assistance	N/A
(5) Information Sources	N/A

**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)	The proposed guidance changes do not directly or indirectly impact costs and benefits for families. The guidance changes are to align VDSS guidance with new federal laws in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 and the annual updates for SNAP published by FNS. The guidance merely reflects those changes that will go into effect on October 1, 2023. While the federal law and FNS updates may have an impact on families, the guidance changes in and of themselves do not. The changes are outside of the control of VDSS and these guidance changes will only ensure that our guidance contains the most up-to-date information.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	No other costs or benefits.	
(4) Information Sources	N/A	

**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)	The proposed guidance changes do not directly or indirectly impact costs and benefits for small businesses.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	No other costs or benefits	
(4) Alternatives	N/A	
(5) Information Sources	N/A	

**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	Initial Count	Additions	Subtractions	Net Change
N/A				

*Cost Reductions or Increases (if applicable)*

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

*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
N/A		

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

Title of Guidance Document	Original Length	New Length	Net Change in Length
Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Manual (entire manual)	730 pages	736 pages	6 pages