

Office of Regulatory Management  
Economic Review Form

<b>Agency name</b>	Department of Social Services
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)</b>	N/A
<b>VAC Chapter title(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Action title</b>	Update Child and Family Services Manual, Chapter B: Prevention, Section 2: Prevention and In-Home Services to Families
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<b>Regulatory Stage (including Issuance of Guidance Documents)</b>	Update Guidance

**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)	<p>The guidance document is being updated to align with 2024 General Assembly legislation. <a href="#">Senate Bill 39</a> and <a href="#">House Bill 27</a> established the Parental Child Safety Placement Program. The changes to the guidance document will not increase state or local costs, nor require any state or local expenditure beyond what was appropriated. The Child &amp; Family Services Manual is used by local departments of social services.</p> <p>Direct Costs: Describe the direct costs of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Describe the indirect costs of the proposed change.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: Describe the direct benefits of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: Describe the indirect benefits of the proposed change.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) Unknown	(b) N/A
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	N/A	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	<p>The Parental Child Safety Placement Program and associated guidance ensure protections for parental rights, promote placement with relatives and fictive kin, enhance reunification efforts, and provide concrete timeframes for permanency. The updated guidance meets the legal mandate of state law and best practices.</p>	
(5) Information Sources	<p><a href="#">Legislative Information System-2024 Regular Session</a></p>	

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

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Maintaining the current guidance document is not an option. It needs to be updated to align with 2024 legislation.</p> <p>Direct Costs: Describe the direct costs of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Describe the indirect costs of the proposed change.</p>	
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	<p>Direct Benefits: Describe the direct benefits of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: Describe the indirect benefits of the proposed change.</p>	
(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)	<p>There is no alternative to updating the guidance document. The guidance document will assist local departments of social services in implementing the new legislation.</p> <p>Direct Costs: Describe the direct costs of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Describe the indirect costs of the proposed change.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: Describe the direct benefits of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: Describe the indirect benefits of the proposed change.</p>	
(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
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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><b>Direct Costs:</b> The proposed guidance changes will not increase state or local costs nor require any state expenditure beyond what was currently appropriated.</p> <p><b>Indirect Costs:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Direct Benefits:</b> The proposed guidance changes will meet the legal mandate of state law, regulation, and best practice.</p> <p><b>Indirect Benefits:</b> The primary indirect benefit will be that the guidance will conform to law, regulation, and best practice; and will thus, avoid confusion.</p>	
(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)	<p>There are no direct costs to families associated with these guidance changes.</p> <p><b>Direct Costs:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Indirect Costs:</b> None.</p>
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	<p><b>Direct Benefits:</b> As the result of SB 39/ HB 27 (2024 Session of the Virginia General Assembly), the proposed changes ensure protections for parental rights, promote placement with relatives and fictive kin, enhance reunification efforts, and provide concrete timeframes for permanency. Additionally, the proposed changes meet the legal mandate of state law, regulation, and best practices.</p> <p><b>Indirect Benefits:</b> The primary indirect benefit will be that the guidance will conform to law, regulation, and best practice; and will thus, avoid confusion.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	None.	
(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)	<p>Updates to the guidance document have no impact on small businesses.</p> <p>Direct Costs: Describe the direct costs of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Describe the indirect costs of the proposed change.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: Describe the direct benefits of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: Describe the indirect benefits of the proposed change.</p>	
(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*

<b>VAC Section(s) Involved</b>	<b>Initial Count</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Subtractions</b>	<b>Net Change</b>

*Cost Reductions or Increases (if applicable)*

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

*Other Decreases or Increases in Regulatory Stringency (if applicable)*

<b>VAC Section(s) Involved</b>	<b>Description of Regulatory Change</b>	<b>Overview of How It Reduces or Increases Regulatory Burden</b>

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

<b>Title of Guidance Document</b>	<b>Original Length</b>	<b>New Length</b>	<b>Net Change in Length</b>
Chapter B: Prevention Services	106	106	0