



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	State Board of Social Services
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	22VAC40-890
Regulation title	Human Subject Research Regulations
Action title	Amend Human Subject Research Definition
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The single change to the regulation will replace the definition of "local agency" with "local department." This change is being made to conform the regulation to §63.2-100 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

The State Board of Social Services took final action on the Human Subject Research Regulations (22VAC40-890) on August 17, 2011.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

This change in definition of “local department” will have no impact on the institution of the family or on family stability. It is merely a correction to the reference to local departments of social services.

Periodic review

If this final regulation is not the result of a periodic review of the regulation, please delete this entire section. If this final regulation is the result of a periodic review, please (1) summarize all comments received during the public comment period following the publication of the Notice of Periodic Review, and (2) indicate whether the regulation meets the criteria set out in Executive Order 14 (2010), e.g., is necessary for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, and is clearly written and easily understandable.

The periodic review was published in the Virginia Register on June 6, 2011 and public comment ended June 27, 2011. No comments were received. The regulation meets the criteria set forth in EO 14 (2010).