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## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	12VAC5-391
<b>Regulation title</b>	Regulations for the Licensure of Hospice
<b>Action title</b>	Updates to address recommendations from the OAG
<b>Final agency action date</b>	
<b>Document preparation date</b>	June 8, 2010

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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.*

SB265 (2010) amends § 32.1-162.2 of the Code of Virginia related to hospice programs by extending licensure exemption to programs that are accredited by national accrediting organizations recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). In order for a hospice program to seek national accreditation, it must first become licensed by the Virginia Department of Health. This action is also taken as a result of the Regulatory Reform Task Force under then-Attorney General McDonnell. The changes are technical in nature, conforming the language of the regulation to applicable citations in 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.*

Pursuant to § 32.1-20 of the Code of Virginia, the State Health Commissioner signed this action for the Board of Health when not in session.

**Family impact**

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

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There is no direct impact on the family.