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Exempt Action: Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	State Board of Social Services
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	22 VAC40-295
VAC Chapter title(s)	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
Action title	TANF Emergency Assistance
Final agency action date	8/19/2020
Date this document prepared	8/19/2020

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Brief Summary

Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The purpose of this action is to amend 22VAC40-295-150, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families-Emergency Assistance (TANF-EA), to increase the maximum amount of assistance to \$1,500 and to add eviction prevention as a qualifying circumstance for eligibility. TANF-EA provides assistance in emergency situations. The maximum amount is changing from \$500 to \$1,500 and eviction prevention is being added as another situation when the payment can be issued.

Mandate and Impetus

Identify the mandate for this regulatory change and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or board decision). "Mandate" is defined as "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."

Chapter 1159 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly amended § 63.2-617 to increase the maximum amount for TANF-EA and to allow payments for eviction prevention. Chapter 1159 directs the State Board of Social Services to adopt regulations to implement the statutory changes.

Statement of Final Agency Action

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 acted to amend Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, 22VAC40-295-150, on 8/19/2020.