

Office of Regulatory Management  
Economic Review Form

<b>Agency name</b>	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)</b>	12VAC35-260
<b>VAC Chapter title(s)</b>	Certified Recovery Residences
<b>Action title</b>	Periodic Review
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<b>Regulatory Stage (including Issuance of Guidance Documents)</b>	Published in the Virginia Register [Vol. 40, Issue: 19] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 6, 2024</li> </ul> Comment Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 6, 2024 – June 6, 2024</li> </ul> Review result: Retain the regulation with no changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 22, 2024</li> </ul>

**Cost Benefit Analysis**

**Table 1a: Costs and Benefits of the Proposed Changes (Primary Option)**

- Omitted based on guidance from the [ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual](#) (p. 3).

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

- Omitted based on guidance from the [ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual](#) (p. 3).

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

- Omitted based on guidance from the [ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual](#) (p. 3).

**Impact on Local Partners**

**Table 2: Impact on Local Partners**

<p>(1) Direct &amp; Indirect Costs &amp; Benefits (Monetized)</p>	<p>The decision to retain this regulatory chapter as currently written is not expected to affect direct or indirect costs and benefits to local partners.</p> <p>The legislative mandate requiring DBHDS to create an avenue for the voluntary certification of recovery residences [<a href="#">Chapter 220 of the 2019 Acts of Assembly</a>] was developed through a stakeholder workgroup over the course of a year, based on broad community feedback that called for greater oversight for recovery housing in Virginia.</p> <p>Chapter 260 [<a href="#">12VAC35-260</a>] was created through a fast-track action that became effective on March 7, 2020. That original regulatory action established</p>
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	<p>the existing framework for voluntary certification of “recovery residences” that adhere to a model of community-based, peer-run organizations that do not provide clinical services.</p> <p>Certified recovery residences are not classified as a licensed service but must meet DBHDS standards. The two credentialing bodies specified in the regulation are nationally recommended entities that reportedly follow best practice standards for recovery. These organizations ensure safety and recovery through effective peer support, mutual accountability, and clear social structures.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a)	(b)
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)		
(4) Assistance		
(5) Information Sources		

**Impacts on Families**

**Table 3: Impact on Families**

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>This regulatory action is not expected to result in any economic cost to Virginia families.</p> <p>Family members in recovery will likely benefit from retaining this regulation as currently written because the voluntary certification framework is intended to make it easier to locate recovery housing for individuals who need such services.</p> <p>Voluntary regulation offers greater accountability and transparency to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of individuals staying in recovery residences, while balancing the model of a peer-run and peer-led organization that does not offer clinical or treatment services.</p> <p>Peer-delivered services have demonstrated superior outcomes for individuals in recovery, which positively benefit families by minimizing disruptions to work and family life that may occur when additional treatment is required for an individual to reach and sustain recovery.</p>
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(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a)	(b)
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)		
(4) Information Sources		

**Impacts on Small Businesses**

**Table 4: Impact on Small Businesses**

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>This regulatory action is not expected to result in any economic cost to small businesses.</p> <p>Small businesses impacted by this regulation are Certified Recovery Residences that meet the definition of small business as defined in the Code of Virginia § 2.2-4007.04. The decision to retain the regulation as currently written would likely provide an economic benefit to these businesses as it would ensure continuity for those already voluntarily registered.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a)	(b)
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)		
(4) Alternatives		
(5) Information Sources		

**Changes to Number of Regulatory Requirements**

**Table 5: Regulatory Reduction**

The decision to retain the regulation as currently written following periodic review will result in no changes 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>Authority of Change</b>	<b>Initial Count</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Subtractions</b>	<b>Total Net Change in Requirements</b>
	<b>(M/A):</b>				
	<b>(D/A):</b>				
	<b>(M/R):</b>				
	<b>(D/R):</b>				
				<b>Grand Total of Changes in Requirements:</b>	<b>(M/A):</b>
					<b>(D/A):</b>
					<b>(M/R):</b>
					<b>(D/R):</b>