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**Notice Regarding Public Comment Period for Proposed Regulation: Amend Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers to Address Federal Health and Safety Requirements**

The proposed regulation to amend *Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers* (22VAC40-185) to address federal health and safety requirements will be published in the *Virginia Register of Regulations* (Volume 34, Issue 12) on February 5, 2018, starting a 60-day public comment period that continues through April 6, 2018.

The proposed regulation seeks to amend the current *Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers* (22VAC 40-185) to reflect federal health and safety standards and to provide additional protections of the health, safety, and welfare of children in care. The purpose of this proposed regulatory action is to update the regulation and align it with federal requirements described in the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014. In addition, the goals of this proposed action are to: (i) to update regulations to comply with new federal requirements for child care providers; (ii) to update current licensing regulations to ensure consistency with requirements for Child Care and Development Fund recipients; and (iii) to present a clearly written regulation that reflects current federal guidelines and practices in child care. The proposed regulation can be found at <http://www.townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewXML.cfm?textid=11647>.

Comments for this proposed regulation may be submitted via Regulatory Town Hall at <http://www.townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewStage.cfm?stageid=7590> ; or by mail, fax or email to Tatanishia Armstrong, Program Consultant, Virginia Department of Social Services, Division of Licensing-Children's Programs, 801 East Main Street, 9th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219; fax [\(804\) 726-7132](tel:8047267132); [tatanishia.armstrong@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:tatanishia.armstrong@dss.virginia.gov).