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

The final 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 37, Issue 17) on April 12, 2021, starting a 30-day public comment period that continues through May 12, 2021.

The final regulation amends the current *Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers* (22VAC 40-185) to reflect federal health and safety standards and to provide additional protections for the health, safety, and welfare of children in care. The final regulation aligns the *Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers* (22VAC40-185) with federal requirements described in the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014. In addition, this proposed action: (i) updates regulations to comply with new federal requirements for child care providers; (ii) updates current licensing regulations to ensure consistency with requirements for Child Care and Development Fund recipients; and (iii) presents a clearly written regulation that reflects current federal guidelines and practices in child care. The final regulation can be found at <https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewXML.cfm?textid=15030>.

Comments for this final regulation may be submitted via Regulatory Town Hall at <https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/comments.cfm?stageid=8313>; 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; tatanishia.armstrong@dss.virginia.gov.