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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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TO: Licensed Child-Placing Agencies

FROM: Charlene Vincent, Director,
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SUBJECT: Revisions to *Standards for Licensed Child-Placing Agencies*

As a result of legislative changes effective July 1, 2017, the regulation *Standards for Licensed Child-Placing Agencies* has been revised effective October 19, 2017. House Bill 2156 added a definition of person who operates or maintains a child welfare agency to § 63.2-1701, allowing and requiring state agency-operated child welfare agencies to be licensed. These actions were exempt from the full Administrative Process Act because the purpose was strictly to conform to changes in state law and no agency discretion was involved.

The regulations are posted at <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/facility/fds.cgi>. Replacement pages are also available at this link, reflecting the pages that have changes. Hard copies of the regulation can be ordered at: http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/licensing/cdc/intro_page/current_providers/forms/all_other/032-05-0512-10-eng.pdf. Please replace your copies with the new regulations and discard prior versions.

Changes to the regulation *Standards for Licensed Child-Placing Agencies* are limited to one section; 22VAC40-131-10, and are summarized below.

22VAC40-131-10. Definitions

- The definition of "Licensee" is changed to be consistent with § 63.2-1701. "As used in this section, 'Licensee' means the individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company, trust, business trust, public entity, or any other legal entity recognized by the Virginia State Corporation Commission: local government; state agency, including any department, institution, authority, instrumentality, board, or other administrative agency of the Commonwealth; or other legal or commercial entity to whom the department issues a license and who is legally responsible for compliance with the regulations and statutory requirements related to the child-placing agency."
- Minor grammatical changes were made throughout this section.

If you have any questions, please contact your licensing inspector.