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DATE: June 28, 2021

TO: Assisted Living Facilities, Adult Day Care Centers, Licensed Child Placing Agencies

FROM: Tara Ragland, Director
Division of Licensing Programs

SUBJECT: Expiration of Regulatory Leniency on June 30, 2021

This memo is to inform all providers that effective June 30, 2021, the COVID-19-state of emergency declared by the Governor will end. Regulatory leniency granted by the Governor also will end June 30, 2021 and your facility is expected to comply with all regulatory requirements.

In the spring of 2020, the Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS) implemented State of Emergency Suspension of DSS Licensing Regulation Requirements in response to Executive Orders issued by the Governor during the COVID-19 state of emergency. Leniency was granted for some regulatory requirements. This leniency will end once the state of emergency ends on June 30, 2021. Providers are expected to comply with all regulatory requirements at that time.

There are a few items in each emergency suspension list that specifically extend beyond the state of emergency, therefore, providers should review the wording carefully to understand and prepare for program compliance implications.

- State of Emergency Suspension of Licensed Child-Placing Agency Regulation Requirements May 8, 2020
- State of Emergency Suspension of DSS Licensing Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) Regulation Requirements
- State of Emergency Suspension of DSS Licensing Adult Day Care Centers (ADCC) Regulation Requirements

We encourage you to review any regulatory leniency currently in effect to ensure you are in compliance when the state of emergency ends on June 30, 2021.
We look forward to our continued partnership. Thank you for safely serving Virginia’s children and vulnerable adults at a time when they need you the most.

Please contact your licensing inspector if you have any questions.