



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

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| Agency name | Virginia Department of Health |
| Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation | 12 VAC 5-410-230 |
| Regulation title | Regulation for the Licensure of Hospitals in Virginia |
| Action title | Hospital regulations; provision allowing patients to receive visits from whom they desire |
| Final agency action date | October 19, 2007 |
| Document preparation date | |

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

This regulatory action is in response to HB2730 of the 2007 session of the General Assembly requiring that hospitals shall include in their visitation policies that adult patients may designate who is authorized to visit them while such patient is in the hospital.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

The Board of Health approved this amendment to 12VAC5-410 at its October 19,2007 meeting.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is no direct impact on the family.