



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	13 VAC5-100-10 through 13 VAC5-100-20
Regulation title	Virginia Energy Assistance Program Weatherization Component
Action title	Amend Virginia Energy Assistance Program Weatherization Component
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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.

The existing regulation sets out income eligibility limits and maximum average cost per dwelling unit. The regulation change removes these specific dollar limits and states that these program criteria shall conform to the requirements set out by the federal program that funds the weatherization component.

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.

On January 26, 2009, the Board of Housing and Community Development adopted amendments to 13 VAC 5-100, Virginia Energy Assistance Program Weatherization Component.

Family impact

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

This regulatory action will have a salutatory impact on families and family stability by facilitating improvements to the physical condition of homes. By ensuring that the weatherization program is consistent with the full range of options provided by the federal funding program Virginia families will be able to take maximum advantage of this resource which improves energy efficiency and results in an improved living environment for income eligible families.