



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Department of Health
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	12VAC5-371
Regulation title	Rules and Regulations for the Licensure of Nursing Facilities
Action title	To requires nursing facilities to send notices and information about family councils to designated resident family members and to be posted within the facility.
Final agency action date	
Document preparation date	5/24/2011

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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.

HB1818 and SB976 (2011) require nursing facilities to send notices and information regarding family councils to the listed responsible party or contact person of the resident's choosing up to six times a year. The notices may be included in billing statements or other regular facility communication and shall be posted in a designated area of the facility.

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.

Pursuant to §32.1-20 of the Code of Virginia, the State Health Commissioner signed this action for the Board of Health when not in session.

Family impact

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

There is not direct impact on the family.