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## MEMORANDUM

- TO: Alison G. Land, FACHE Commissioner Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
- FROM: Braden J. Curtis Assistant Attorney General
- **DATE:** August 28, 2020
- SUBJECT: Regulations for Children's Residential Facilities Amendments to align with ASAM criteria 12VAC35-46

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to 12VAC35-46, the *Regulations for Children's Residential Facilities*, which were adopted by the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services on July 15, 2020. The Board has the authority to promulgate these emergency regulations pursuant to 2020 Va. Acts ch. 1289 and Virginia Code § 37.2-203. The proposed emergency regulations are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.