



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

12 VAC 35-140 – Mandatory Standards for Community Mental Health Programs
12 VAC 35-150 – Mandatory Standards for Community Mental Retardation Programs
12 VAC 35-160 – Mandatory Standards for Community Substance Abuse Programs
**12 VAC 35-20 – Mandatory Standards for Certification of First Offender Drug Abuse
Diversion and Education Programs**
Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services

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The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 9-6.14:7.1.G of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 25 (98). Section 9-6.14:7.1.G requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. The analysis presented below represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.

Summary of the Proposed Regulation

The Board of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services (Board) proposes to repeal these four regulations, which have been superceded by the Board's licensing regulations (12 VAC 35-102-10 et. seq.).

Estimated Economic Impact

These four regulations, first promulgated in the early 1980s, establish the minimum standards for mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse programs of community service boards and first offender drug abuse diversion and education programs. All of these community programs are now subject to the Board's licensing regulations (12 VAC 35-102-10

et. seq.).¹ Since the four regulations duplicate the goals and functions of the existing licensure regulations, their repeal is not expected to have any economic impact on providers or clients in these programs.

Businesses and Entities Affected

Since the regulatory standards established by these four regulations are not currently being implemented, the repeal of these regulations should not affect any individuals, businesses, or other entities.

Localities Particularly Affected

The repeal of these regulations will not uniquely affect any particular localities.

Projected Impact on Employment

The repeal of these regulations is not expected to have any impact on employment in Virginia.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The repeal of these regulations is not expected to have any effect on the use and value of private property in Virginia.

¹ Community mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse programs (12 VAC 35-140; 12 VAC 25-150; 12 VAC 35-160) have been subject to the licensure regulations since 1995. First offender drug abuse diversion and education programs (12 VAC 35-20) have been subject to the licensure regulations since 1991.