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## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

| Agency name                                 | Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services   |
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| Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation | _22_ VAC_3011  |
| Regulation title                            | Public Participation Guidelines  |
| Action title                                | This regulatory action will change all references to the Department of Rehabilitative Services to the newly created Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services |
| Final agency action date                    | August 30, 2012  |
| Document preparation date                   | July 5, 2012   |

When a regulatory action is exempt from executive branch review pursuant to § 2.2-4002 or § 2.2-4006 of the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA), the agency is encouraged to provide information to the public on the Regulatory Town Hall using this form.

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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.

Public participation guidelines exist to promote public involvement in the development, amendment or repeal of an agency's regulations. Under §2.2-4007.02 of the Code of Virginia, every rulemaking body in Virginia is required to adopt public participation guidelines and to use these guidelines in the development of its regulations.

All references to the Department of Rehabilitative Services have been changed to the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to reflect the name of the new agency that has been created to assume the powers of the former Department of Rehabilitative Services and the Department for the Aging. This new agency was created as a result of Governor's Reorganization of the Executive Branch of State Government. Specifically, sections 22 VAC 30-11-10 and 22 VAC 30-11-20 of this chapter contain references that have been changed.

## Statement of final agency action

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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, August 30, 2012, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services will adopt these amendments to the existing regulations entitled "Public Participation Guidelines" (22 VAC 30-11-10 and 22 VAC 30-11-20) as a regulatory action exempt from the Administrative Process Act under Chapter 321 of the 2008 Acts of Assembly.

## Family impact

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

This regulatory action is not expected to have any impact on the institution of the family.