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MEMORANDUM

TO: KARIN CLARK
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DATE: May 17, 2011

SUBJECT: Final Regulation 22 VAC 40-780
Elimination of Financial Eligibility for Direct Social Services

I have reviewed the above-referenced final regulation to determine if the State Board of Social Services ("State Board") has the statutory authority to promulgate the final regulation and if this action by the State Board is exempt from the Administrative Process Act (APA).

It appears that the State Board has the authority to promulgate the proposed regulation, subject to compliance with the provisions of Article 2 of the APA, and has not exceeded that authority. The changes to the regulation are necessary to reflect the changes in statutory terminology related to programs impacted by this regulation, requiring the State Board to amend this regulation to ensure that it is consistent with the statutory language. Pursuant to § 2.2-4006(A)(4)(a) of the Virginia Code, this action by the Board is exempt from the requirements of the APA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 786-0095.