

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES Office of the Commissioner

Danny TK Avula MD, MPH Commissioner

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Scott Logan Social Security Administration Office of Income Security Programs Keys Section 2518 Robert M. Ball Building 6401 Security Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21235

Dear Scott Logan:

The Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS), Division of Licensing Programs is the entity designated to report the compliance with the Keys Amendment. I am writing to submit the Commonwealth of Virginia's annual certification with the Keys Amendment, Section 1616 (e) of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. § 1382 e.].

Agencies that have statutory authority to regulate facilities in Virginia are required to develop and enforce standards for residential facilities where recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) reside or are likely to reside. These standards are promulgated as regulations and are available to the public on both the Virginia Town Hall website (<u>https://townhall.virginia.gov/</u>) and the Virginia General Assembly website (<u>https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode</u>). The various stages of regulatory review and approval are posted on the Town Hall website as well as the Virginia Register of Regulations website (<u>http://register.dls.virginia.gov/process.shtml</u>).

During the past year, the following regulations were amended:

Department	Regulation Title and Website Location
Department of Social Services	Fee Requirements for Processing Applications (22VAC40-160) https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewStage.cfm?stageid=9509
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	Regulations for Children's Residential Facilities (12VAC35-46) https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/viewstage.cfm?stageid=9581

No other amendments were made to regulations or policies that apply to residences for SSI residents.

So that you may update your records, please note that I replaced Duke Storen as the DSS Commissioner in February 2022.

If you need further information, please contact Alisa Foley, Policy and Program Evaluation Consultant, Division of Licensing Programs, at (804) 726-7138 or a.foley@dss.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

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