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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: June 28, 2021

TO: Children's Residential Facilities

FROM: Tara Ragland, Director
Division of Licensing Programs

SUBJECT: Expiration of Regulatory Leniency on June 30, 2021

This memo is to inform all providers that effective June 30, 2021, the COVID-19-state of emergency declared by the Governor will end. Regulatory leniency granted by the Governor also will end June 30, 2021 and your facility is expected to comply with all regulatory requirements.

In the spring of 2020, the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) implemented *State of Emergency Suspension of DSS Licensing Regulation Requirements* in response to Executive Orders issued by the Governor during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Leniency was granted for some regulatory requirements. This leniency will end once the state of emergency ends on June 30, 2021. Providers are expected to comply with all regulatory requirements at that time.

Providers should review all items in the emergency suspension list to understand and prepare for program compliance implications.

- [State of Emergency Suspension of Children's Residential Regulation Requirements May 8, 2020](#)

We encourage you to review any regulatory leniency currently in effect to ensure you are in compliance when the state of emergency ends on June 30, 2021.

We look forward to our continued partnership. Thank you for safely serving Virginia's vulnerable children at a time when they need you the most.

Please contact your licensing inspector if you have any questions.