

**Office Of  
Licensing(DBHDS)**



Virginia Department of  
Behavioral Health &  
Developmental Services

Dear Providers,

Please be advised that the emergency regulatory action “[Amendments to align with the Family First Prevention Service Act \(FFPSA\)](#)” will become effective January 10, 2022. This regulation was mandated per Chapter 552 of the 2021 Special Session 1 Appropriation Act and amends Chapter 46 to align with the requirements of the federal FFPSA to require providers who accept Title IV-E funding to meet the standards as QRTPs. Providers who do not accept Title IV-E funding shall not be affected by this action.

The 30-day public comment forum will open on January 17, 2022 and will remain open through February 16, 2022. Anyone wishing to submit written comments for the public comment file may do so through the Public Comment Forums feature of the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website at: <https://www.townhall.virginia.gov/L/Forums.cfm>. Comments may also be submitted by mail or email to Susan Puglisi, 1220 Bank Street, Richmond, Virginia 23129 email: [susan.puglisi@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:susan.puglisi@dbhds.virginia.gov). In order to be considered, comments must be received by 11:59 pm on the last day of the public comment period.

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