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Welcome to the regulatory reduction actions presentation for the general regulations, Chapter 105.

What Licensed Providers Need to Know

DBHDS	What is Happening and Why?
 In accordance with Executive Directive 1 (2022 Branch entities to initiate regulatory processes regulations not mandated by federal or state s 	s aimed at reducing the number of
 This process was conducted in consultation w in a manner consistent with the laws of the Co 	
 DBHDS' goal was to reduce the administrative licensed providers by repealing or simplifying overly prescriptive, duplicative, or confusing. 	
 Over the past few years, the Office of Regulato multiple times to identify non-controversial reg maintaining protections for individuals. 	
 As a result, 32 regulations in Chapter 105 have been repealed. 	e been amended, and 11 regulations have
$_{\odot}$ These updated regulations go into effect on Ju	ıne 19, 2025.
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Regulatory Reduction Actions-What does this really mean?

To reduce the burden on providers, the Governor of Virginia instructed all state agencies to reduce the number of regulations by at least 25%. Over the past few years, we worked with the Office of Regulatory Affairs to determine which regulations we could eliminate or reduce while still maintaining protections for the individuals we serve. In Chapter 105, 11 regulations have been repealed and 32 have been reduced. These changes go into effect on June 19, 2025.

This presentation will serve as a quick-reference tool for you to be informed of these changes.

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For the purposes of this presentation, when you see Underlined and Italicized text on the slides, that means *that* specific portion of text is *newly added* and is now included in the regulation.

In some instances, regulatory language has been moved to another section of the same regulation or is covered in a different regulation

Now, I'm going to turn it over to Mackenzie

DBHDS	Repealed Regulations			
 12VAC35-105-490 Written grievance policy. (<u>Repealed.</u>) It is up to the provider to follow employment laws. DBHDS does not administer or enforce employment laws. 				
 12VAC35-105-500 Students and volunteers. (Repealed.) The health, welfare, and safety concern of utilizing students and volu aspect. Given the restrictions on use of volunteers and students and subsection B is moved to Section 590 where it fits more appropriately provider's discretion whether to create a policy regarding students are the language now in 590. 	the reference to staffing plan, language in y. DBHDS believes it should be within the			
 12VAC35-105-570 Mission statement. (Repealed.) This language does not contribute to individual health, safety, and we resources to analyze the information in a meaningful way. *Repealed means the regulation has been removed. 	elfare, nor does DBHDS have the staff			
*Repealed means the regulation has been removed Regulatory Reduction Actions	4			

First, let's look at the regulations that have been repealed, or removed, and are no longer applicable. On these slides, each regulation is bolded and the justification for the repealed action is bulleted under the regulation. [READ SLIDE]



Here we see three more regulations that have been repealed. [READ SLIDE]



Three more repealed regulations are shown. [READ SLIDE]



These are the last two regulations that have been repealed, for a total of 11 repealed regulations. [READ SLIDE]

And now a few words from Larisa



Now we'll dive into the Regulations that have been changed or reduced. The next few slides show all the amended regulations. For your ease of use, each regulation here is linked directly to the slide in this presentation that provides all the details for that specific regulation. Click on any linked regulation to quickly jump to the regulation details slide in this presentation.



This is the second slide listing the regulations that have been changed or reduced



This is the last slide that lists the regulations that have been changed or reduced

As previously stated, there are 32 regulations that have been changed, and Mackenzie will review those in more detail now



Remember that Underlined and Italicized text indicates newly added language that is now included in the regulation.

60 Modification

This changed the amount of time a provider must submit a written service modification application from the old requirement of 45 days to now requiring at least 30 days in advance of a proposed modification to the license.

This change does not guarantee modification approval by the OL within 30 days.



120 Variances

Providers no longer have to demonstrate that complying with the regulation would be a hardship unique to the provider for a variance to be approved.

Now, providers only need to demonstrate that the variance will not jeopardize the health, safety, or welfare of individuals.



170 Corrective Action Plan

Subsection C, item 3, the CAP no longer needs to include the signature of the person responsible, it now only needs to list the person responsible for overseeing implementation of the pledged corrective action.

This aligns with the current licensing system.

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12VAC35-105-180 Notification of changes

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A. The provider shall notify the department in writing prior to implementing changes that affect <u>significant</u> changes

to the staffing plan, position descriptions, or employee or contractor qualifications

<u>B.</u> A provider shall notify the department in writing of its intent to discontinue services <u>at least</u> 30 days prior to the cessation of services. The provider shall continue to provide all services that are identified in each individual's ISP after it has given official notice of its intent to cease operations and until each individual is appropriately discharged <u>in accordance with 12VAC35-105-693</u>. The provider shall further continue to maintain substantial compliance with all applicable regulations as it discontinues its services. <u>C.</u> All individuals receiving services and their authorized representatives shall be notified of the provider's intent to cease services.

180 Notification of Changes

Two subsections were removed. This changes it 180.A-E to 180.A-C

Subsection A has been simplified

Regarding subsection C, the provider can determine where to document the communication, it does not need to be in the ISP

DBHDS 12VAC35-105-190 Operating authority, governing body and organizational structure
 12VAC35-105-190 Operating authority, governing body and organizational structure A. The provider shall provide the following evidence of its operating authority: Public organizations shall provide documents describing the administrative framework of the governmental department of which <u>the organization</u> is a component or describing the legal and administrative framework under which <u>the organization</u> was established and operates. All private organizations, except sole <u>proprietors trading under the proprietor's own name</u> shall provide a certificate from the State Corporation Commission <u>pursuant to § 59.1-69 of the Code of Virginia</u>. B. The provider shall provide an organizational chart that clearly identifies <u>the provider's</u> governing body and organizational structure.
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190 Operating authority, governing body and organizational structure

Subsection C has been removed and clarifying language has been added

This changes it from 190.A-C to 190.A-B

DBHDS 12VAC35-105-210 Fiscal accountability 12VAC35-105-210 Fiscal accountability A. The provider shall document financial arrangements or a line of credit that are adequate to ensure maintenance of ongoing operations for at least 90 days on an ongoing basis. The amount needed shall be based on a working budget showing projected revenue and expenses. B. In addition to the indemnity coverage required pursuant to 12VAC35-105-220, the provider shall have written internal controls to minimize the risk of theft or embezzlement of provider funds. C. The provider shall identify in writing the title and qualifications of the person with the authority and responsibility for the fiscal management of *the provider's* services. D. The provider shall notify the department in writing when the provider's line of credit or other financial arrangement has been cancelled or significantly reduced at any time during the licensing period.

210 Fiscal accountability

A subsection was removed so this changes it from 210.A-E, to 210.A-D

Additionally, the bonded or otherwise indemnified requirements have been removed



270 Building modifications

This update eliminated the subsections and added clarifying language

This changes it from 270.A-B to just 270

DBHDS	12VAC35-105-280 Physical environment
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 A. The physical environment, design, structure, furnishings, and liand the services provided. B. The physical environment shall be accessible to individuals with C. The physical environment and furnishings shall be clean, dry, f. D. Floor surfaces and floor coverings shall promote mobility in are conditions. E. The physical environment shall be well ventilated. Temperature by individuals. F. Adequate hot and cold running water of a safe and appropriate individuals being served shall be maintained within a range of 100 specified range, the provider shall make provisions for protecting G. Recycling, composting, and garbage disposal shall not create place for insects or rodents. H. If smoking is permitted, the provider shall make provisions for senvironment. J. For all program areas added after September 19, 2002, minimu J. This section does not apply to home-based and noncenter-bas compliance of sponsored residential homes with this section. 	th physical and sensory disabilities, if applicable. Iree of foul odors, safe, and well-maintained. eas used by individuals and shall promote maintenance of sanitary es shall be maintained between 65°F and 80°F in all areas used temperature shall be available. Hot water accessible to 0° to <u>120°F</u> . If temperatures cannot be maintained within the individuals from injury due to scalding. a nuisance, permit transmission of disease, or create a breeding alternate smoking areas that are separate from the service Im room height shall be 7-1/2 feet.

280 Physical environment

Subsection F, the hot water range has been <u>increased</u>, instead of the 100 to 110 degrees, the range is <u>now 100 to 120 degrees</u> Fahrenheit.

Subsection G specific to lighting was removed

This changes it from 280.A-K, to 280.A-J



290 Food service inspections

Regulation 290 has been divided into subsections A and B

In 290.B, the inspection documentation requirement has been lowered from having to keep the three most recent inspections on file to only requiring that one, the most recent inspection, be kept on file



320 Fire inspections

The Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code has been updated.



390 Confidentiality and security of personnel records

A subsection was removed, so this changes from 390.A-C, to 390.A-B

This update also includes codes corresponding to the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Virginians with Disabilities Act

DBHDS 12VAC35-105-400 Criminal background checks and registry searches 12VAC35-105-400 Criminal background checks and registry searches A. Providers shall comply with the requirements for obtaining criminal history background checks as outlined in §§ 37.2-416, 37.2-416.1, 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607 of the Code of Virginia. B. The provider shall develop a written policy for criminal history background checks and registry searches that addresses what actions the provider must take if an applicant has certain prior convictions or a founded case of child abuse or neglect. The policy shall require, at a minimum, that the applicant disclose whether the applicant has (i) ever been convicted of or is the subject of pending charges for an offense listed in § 37.2-416. 37.2-416.1, 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1, or 37.2-607 of the Code of Virginia; or (ii) has a founded case of abuse or neglect Any plea of nolo contendere shall be considered a conviction for purposes of this section. C. The provider shall submit all personally descriptive applicant information necessary to complete the criminal history background checks and registry searches. D. The provider shall maintain the following documentation: 1. The disclosure statement from the applicant required pursuant to subsection B of this section; and 2. Evidence that the provider submitted all information necessary to complete the criminal history background checks and registry searches, report from the Central Criminal Records Exchange, or memoranda from the department transmitting the results to the provider, as applicable, and the results from the Child Protective Registry search.

400 Criminal background checks and registry searches

In subsection A, two additional Virginia codes were added and the date parameter at the end has been removed.

In subsection B, the requirements for the provider's written policy for criminal history background checks and registry searches have been edited for clarification.

Item 1 of subsection D, has also been changed to reflect that the requirements of subsection B be included in the applicant's disclosure statement kept on file by the provider.

Item 2 of subsection D, now references the report from the Central Criminal Records Exchange.



410 Job description

The regulation has been restructured

This changes it from 410.A-B to 410.1-3

DBHDS>>>	12VAC35-105-420 Qualifications of employees or contract	ors
 12VAC35-105-420 Qualifications of employees or contractors A. <u>Each</u> person who assumes the responsibilities of <u>a</u> position as an employee or a contractor shall meet the minimum qualifications of that position <u>in accordance</u> <u>with the current</u> job <u>description</u>. B. Employees and contractors shall comply, as required, with the regulations of the Department of Health Professions. The provider shall design, implement, and document the process used to verify professional credentials. <u>C. Each employee or contractor</u> shall demonstrate a working knowledge of the policies and procedures that are applicable to <u>that employee's or contractor's</u> specific job or position. 		
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420 Qualifications of employees or contractors

Two subsections were removed and there were also some grammatical changes

This changes it from 420.A-E to 420.A-C



430 Employee or contractor personnel records

Six items were removed from subsection A.

These changes allow for discretion as to where the provider maintains documentation and allow providers to find systems that work for their service.

This was a key goal of the department throughout the regulatory reduction project.

12VAC35-105-440 <u>Ori</u>	entation of new employees,	contractors, volunteers, and s	tudents
<u>individual's</u> function or document that the orie 1. Practices of confide individual's record;	job-specific responsibilities wi ntation covers each of the follo ntiality, including access, dupli <u>e</u> an individual's rights, includi dness procedures; s;	ts shall be oriented commensura thin 15 business days. The provi owing policies, procedures, and p cation, and dissemination of any ng orientation to human rights re	der shall practices: portion of an
		c positions and specific duties a	nd
	ed and the consequences of fa	nd under what circumstances a s ailing to report a serious incident	

440 Orientation of new employees, contractors, volunteers, and students

Items that covered objectives and philosophy of the provider and applicable personnel policies have been removed

This changes it from 440.1-9 to 440.1-7

DBHDS	12VAC35-105-470 Notification of policy change	s	
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<u>The provider shall keep all</u> employees <u>al</u> affect <u>the employee's or contractor's</u> per	and contractors informed of policy changes that formance of duties.	at	
contractors are informed of such cha			
you'll want to be sure that staff have	n repealed and they affect specific staff, been informed of the changes. ***		
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470 Notification of policy changes

This one was updated to remove unnecessary and duplicative language.

Note: It is the responsibility of the provider to ensure that all employees and contractors are informed of such changes. For example, if you are discontinuing policies that have been repealed and they affect specific staff, you'll want to be sure that staff have been informed of the changes. ***

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12VAC35-105-510 Tuberculosis screening

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A. Each new employee, contractor, student, or volunteer who will have direct contact with individuals receiving services shall obtain a statement of certification by a qualified licensed practitioner indicating the absence of tuberculosis in a communicable form within 30 days of employment or initial contact with individuals receiving services. The employee shall submit a copy of the original screening to the provider. A statement of certification shall not be required for a new employee who has separated from service with another licensed provider with a break in service of six months or less or who is currently working for another licensed provider.

B. All employees, contractors, students, or volunteers in substance abuse co-occurring outpatient or residential treatment services shall <u>receive</u> tuberculosis <u>education</u> on an annual basis. <u>The education shall focus on self-presentation in the event of exposure to active tuberculosis or the development of symptoms of active tuberculosis</u>. C. Any employee, contractor, student, or volunteer who comes in contact with a known case of active tuberculosis disease or who develops symptoms of active tuberculosis disease *including* fever, chills, hemoptysis, cough, fatigue, night sweats, weight loss, or anorexia, of three weeks duration shall be screened as determined appropriate for continued contact with employees, contractors, students, volunteers, or individuals receiving services based on consultation with the local health department.

D. <u>No</u> employee, contractor, student, or volunteer suspected of having active tuberculosis shall not be permitted to return to work or have contact with employees, contractors, students, volunteers, or individuals receiving services until a physician has determined that the person is free of active tuberculosis.

510 Tuberculosis screening

Subsection B is corrected per guidance from Virginia Department of Health, and this reduces the burden of screenings annually due to reduction in disease prevalence.

DBHDS 12VAC35-105-530.A.1-3 Emergency preparedness and response plan 12VAC35-105-530 Emergency preparedness and response plan A. The scope of emergency preparedness in relation to this section applies to disasters and emergencies as defined by § 44-146.16 of the Code of Virginia. The provider shall develop a written emergency preparedness and response plan for all of its services and locations that describes the provider's approach to emergencies throughout the organization or community. The plan shall address: 1. Specific procedures describing mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery strategies, actions, and responsibilities for each emergency. 2. The process for notifying local and state authorities of the emergency and a process for contacting staff when emergency response measures are initiated. 3. Written emergency management policies outlining specific responsibilities for provision of administrative direction and management of response activities, coordination of logistics during the emergency, communications, life safety of employees, contractors, students, volunteers, visitors, and individuals receiving services, property protection, community outreach, and recovery and restoration.

530 Emergency preparedness and response plan

Prior to the changes, this regulation included 530.A-M, as we go through the next several slides you will see that that it has changed to 530.A-J

Language has been simplified, and we want to point out that several items have been removed from subsection A.

As we move to the next slide 530.A.1-9 is now 530.A.1-6.

..... DBHDS 12VAC35-105-530.A.4-6 Emergency preparedness and response plan (cont.) 12VAC35-105-530 Emergency preparedness and response plan 4. Procedures for: a. Warning, notifying, and communicating with individuals receiving services, employees, contractors, and community responders; b. Providing emergency access to secure areas and opening locked doors; c. Evacuating to emergency shelters or other alternative sites, relocating individuals receiving residential or inpatient services to new service locations, and accounting for all individuals receiving services; d. Notifying family members or authorized representatives; and e. Maintaining a 24-hour communications capability to respond to emergencies for individuals receiving services. 5. Processes for managing the following under emergency conditions: a. Activities related to the provision of care, treatment, and services including scheduling, modifying, or discontinuing services; protecting confidential information about individuals receiving services; providing medication; and *coordinating* transportation services; and b. Logistics related to critical supplies such as pharmaceuticals, food, linen, and water; 6. Schedules for testing the implementation of the plan and conducting emergency preparedness drills. Fire and evacuation drills shall be conducted at least monthly.

Here you see the remaining items of subsection A which are 4-6.

Now, let's move on to the remaining slides for 530 Emergency preparedness and response plan

..... DBHDS 12VAC35-105-530.B-F Emergency preparedness and response plan (cont.) ... 12VAC35-105-530 Emergency preparedness and response plan B. The provider shall evaluate each individual receiving services and based on the individualized evaluations, shall provide appropriate environmental supports and adequate staff to safely evacuate all individuals during an emergency. C. The provider shall implement annual emergency preparedness and response training for all employees, contractors, students, and volunteers that covers responsibilities for: 1. Alerting emergency personnel and sounding alarms; 2. Implementing evacuation procedures, including evacuation of individuals with special needs (i.e., deaf, blind, nonambulatory); 3. Using, maintaining, and operating emergency equipment; 4. Accessing emergency medical information for individuals receiving services; and 5. Utilizing community support services. D. The provider shall review the emergency preparedness plan annually and make necessary revisions. Such revisions shall be communicated to employees, contractors, students, volunteers, and individuals receiving services and incorporated into orientation and training materials. E. Providers of residential services shall have at all times a three-day supply of emergency food and water for all individuals receiving services and staff. Emergency food supplies should include foods that do not require cooking. Water supplies shall include one gallon of water per person per day. <u>F</u>. All provider locations shall be equipped with at least one approved <u>type-ABC</u> portable fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A10BC installed in each kitchen.

Again, language has been simplified, and several subsections have been removed. Here you see subsections B-F

Now to the final slide for 530

DBHDS 12VAC35-105-530.G-J Emergency preparedness and response plan (cont.) 12VAC35-105-530 Emergency preparedness and response plan G. All provider locations shall have an appropriate number of properly installed smoke detectors based on the size of the location, which shall include at a minimum: 1. At least one smoke detector on each level of multi-level buildings, including the basement; 2. At least one smoke detector in each bedroom in locations with bedrooms; 3. At least one smoke detector in any area adjacent to any bedroom in locations with bedrooms; and 4. Any additional smoke detectors necessary to comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations and local ordinances. H. Smoke detectors shall be tested monthly for proper operation. <u>I.</u> All provider locations shall maintain a floor plan identifying locations of: 1. Exits: 2. Primary and secondary evacuation routes; 3. Accessible egress routes: 4. Portable fire extinguishers; and 5. Flashlights. J. This section does not apply to home-based or noncenter-based services.

On this last slide for Emergency preparedness and response plan, you see 530.G-J

	DBHDS	12VAC35-105-580 Service description requirements			
·	12VAC35-105-580 Service description requirements				
	 A. The provider shall develop <u>and</u> implement description eview. B. The provider shall outline how each service offers a he <u>individual's</u> physical and emotional needs; provide ndividualized services plan. C. Elements of each service description <u>required by st</u>. Service goals; C. A description of care, treatment, skills acquisition, or a contract services, if any; Eligibility requirements and admission, continued str. Service termination and discharge or transition crite; Type and role of employees or contractors. The provider shall admit only those individuals whos are available, and for <u>whom</u> staffing levels and types ne the provider shall provide for the physical separatio 	ons of services offered and shall make service descriptions available for public structured program of individualized interventions and care designed to meet protection, guidance, and supervision; and meet the objectives of any required <i>ubsection A of this section</i> shall include: other supports provided; ervices; ay, and exclusion criteria; ria; and neonsistent with its most current service description. se service needs are consistent with the service description, for whom services			
4		ent services shall address the timely and appropriate treatment of pregnant s).			

580 Service description requirements

Two subsections were removed along with unnecessary language.

This changes it from 580.A-I to 580.A-G

DBHDS	12VAC35-105-590.A-C Provider staffing plan
12VAC35-105-590 Provider staffing plan	
 employees and contractors that are required to pl 1. Needs of the individuals receiving services; 2. Types of services offered; 3. Service description; 4. Number of individuals to receive services at a g 5. Adequate number of staff required to safely eval B. <u>The provider staffing plan shall not include voluve volunteers to supplant direct care positions.</u> 	

590 Provider staffing plan

The information in subsection B was added to replace what was repealed from regulation 500 related to students and volunteers.

This changes it from 590.A-B to 590.A-C.

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12VAC35-105-590.D Provider staffing plan (cont.)

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12VAC35-105-590 Provider staffing plan

D. The provider shall meet the following staffing requirements related to supervision.

The provider shall describe how employees <u>and</u> contractors will be supervised in the staffing plan and how that supervision will be documented.
 Supervision of employees <u>and</u> contractors shall be provided by persons who have experience in working with individuals receiving services and in providing the services outlined in the service description.

Supervision shall be appropriate to the services provided and the needs of the individual. Supervision shall be documented.
 Supervision shall include responsibility for approving assessments and individualized services plans, as appropriate. This responsibility may be

delegated to an employee or contractor who meets the qualification for supervision as defined in this section.

5. Supervision of mental health, substance abuse, or co-occurring services that are of an acute or clinical nature such as outpatient, inpatient, intensive in-home, or day treatment shall be provided by a licensed mental health professional or a mental health professional who is license-eligible and registered with a board of the Department of Health Professions.

6. Supervision of mental health, substance abuse, or co-occurring services that are of a supportive or maintenance nature, such as psychosocial rehabilitation or mental health supports, shall be provided by a QMHP-A, a licensed mental health professional, or a mental health professional who is license-eligible and registered with a board of the Department of Health Professions. An individual who is a QMHP-T may not provide this type of supervision.

7. Supervision of developmental services shall be provided by a person with at least one year of documented experience working directly with individuals who have developmental disabilities and <u>who</u> holds at least a bachelor's degree in a human services field such as sociology, social work, special education, rehabilitation counseling, nursing, or psychology. Experience may be substituted for the education requirement. 8. Supervision of brain injury services shall be provided, at a minimum, by a clinician in the health professions field who is trained and experienced in

8. Supervision of brain injury services shall be provided, at a minimum, by a clinician in the health professions field who is trained and experienced in providing brain injury services to individuals who have a brain injury diagnosis including (i) a doctor of medicine or osteopathy licensed in Virginia; (ii) a psychiatrist who is a doctor of medicine or osteopathy secializing in psychiatry and licensed in Virginia; (iii) a psychiatry is a doctor of medicine or osteopathy licensed in Virginia; (iii) a psychiatry and licensed in Virginia; (iii) a psychiatry is a doctor of medicine or osteopathy licensed in Virginia; (iii) a psychiatry and licensed in Virginia; (iii) a psychologist who has a master's degree in psychology from a college or university with at least one year of clinical experience; (iv) a social worker who has a bachelor's degree in human services or a related field (e.g., social work, psychology, psychiatric evaluation, sociology, counseling, vocational rehabilitation, human services counseling, or other degree deemed equivalent to those described) from an accredited college or university with a tleast two years of clinical experience providing direct services to individuals with a diagnosis of brain injury; (v) a Certified Brain Injury Specialist; (vi) a registered nurse licensed in Virginia with at least one year of clinical experience; or (vii) any other licensed rehabilitation professional with one year of clinical experience.

In subsection D of 590, some of the language was simplified

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12VAC35-105-590.E-G Provider staffing plan (cont.)

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12VAC35-105-590 Provider staffing plan

<u>E</u>. The provider shall employ or contract with persons with appropriate training, as necessary, to meet the specialized needs of and to ensure the safety of individuals receiving services in residential services with medical or nursing needs; speech, language, or hearing problems; or other needs where specialized training is necessary.

<u>F.</u> Providers of brain injury services shall employ or contract with a neuropsychologist or licensed clinical psychologist specializing in brain injury to assist, as appropriate, with initial assessments, development of individualized services plans, crises, staff training, and service design.

<u>G.</u> Staff in direct care positions providing brain injury services shall have at least a high school diploma and two years of experience working with individuals with disabilities or shall have successfully completed an approved training curriculum on brain injuries within six months of employment.

And for the final slide for 590, you see the remaining subsections E-G. Note that the provider staffing plan requirements changed from 590.A-F to 590.A-G.
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12VAC35-105-645 Initial contacts, screening, and admission

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A. The provider shall implement policies and procedures for initial contacts and screening, admissions, and referral of individuals to other services and designate staff to perform these activities.
B. The provider shall maintain written documentation of <u>each</u> individual's initial contact and screening including the:

- 1. Date of contact;
- 2. Name, age, and gender of the individual;
- 3. Address and telephone number of the individual, if applicable;
- 4. Reason why the individual is requesting services; and
- 5. Disposition of the individual, including referral to other services for further assessment, placement on a waiting list for service, or admission to the service.

C. <u>Providers of crisis or case management services</u> shall assist individuals who are not admitted to identify other appropriate services.

D. <u>For individuals who are not admitted, the</u> provider shall retain documentation of the individual's initial <u>contact</u> and screening <u>referenced in subsection B of this section</u> for <u>a period of</u> six months.

For 645 the regulation title was simplified to Initial contacts, screening, and admission.

Assessment, service planning, orientation and discharge were removed from the title.

In subsection C, there is a change that reduces the intensity of the regulation by limiting it to crisis and case management services.

..... **DBHDS** 12VAC35-105-690 Orientation of individuals and authorized representatives 12VAC35-105-690 Orientation of individuals and authorized representatives A. The provider shall implement a written policy regarding the orientation to services for individuals and authorized representatives, if applicable. B. As appropriate to the scope and level of services, the policy shall require the provision to individuals and authorized representatives, if applicable, the following information: 1. Confidentiality practices and protections for individuals receiving services; 2. Human rights policies and protections and instructions on how to report violations; 3. Opportunities for participation in services and discharge planning; 4. Fire safety and emergency preparedness procedures, if applicable; 5. The provider's complaint procedure; 6. Service guidelines, including criteria for admission and discharge or transfer; 7. Hours and days of operation; 8. Availability of after-hours service; and 9. Any charges or fees due from the individual. C. In addition to the provisions of subsection B of this section, orientation for individuals receiving treatment services in a correctional facility shall *cover* the facility's security restrictions. D. The provider shall document that the individual and authorized representative, if applicable, received an orientation to services.

690 Orientation of individuals and authorized representatives

There is some clarifying language throughout and item 5 of subsection A was updated to reflect the repeal of grievance procedures.

DBHDS 12VAC35-105-691 Transition of individuals among services by the same provider
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A. <u>Except when transfer is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, the receiving service shall obtain</u> from the sending service at the time of transfer:
<u>1. Documentation of:</u> <u>a. Informed choice by the individual or authorized representative, as applicable, in the decision to and</u> planning for the transfer;
<u>b. Notification to the family, if appropriate; and</u> <u>c. Signature of the employee or contractor responsible for preparing the transfer summary and transfer</u>
<u>date;</u> 2. A written summary of the individual's progress while at the facility, justification for the transfer, and the
<u>individual's current strengths and needs; and</u> <u>3. The individual's record, including emergency medical information</u> . B. The sending service shall retain a copy of the face sheet and a written summary of the individual's progress while within the service and
shall document the date of transfer and the name of the service to which the individual was transferred. B. The <u>sending service</u> shall <u>retain a copy of the face sheet and a written summary of the individual's</u>
progress while within the service and shall document the date of transfer and the name of the service to which the individual was transferred.

691 Transition of individuals among services by the same provider

691.A-C is now 691.A-B. Written procedures are no longer required for this process so that requirement was removed.

NOTE: This regulation pertains to the transition of individuals among services by THE SAME PROVIDER.

..... **DBHDS** 12VAC35-105-693 Discharge 12VAC35-105-693 Discharge A. The provider shall have written policies and procedures regarding the discharge or termination of individuals from the service. These policies and procedures shall include medical and clinical criteria for discharge. B. Discharge instructions shall be provided in writing to the individual, the individual's authorized representative, and the successor provider, as applicable. At a minimum, discharge instructions shall include medications and dosages. if applicable; names, telephone numbers, and addresses of any successor providers to whom the individual is referred; current medical issues or conditions; and the identity of the *individual's* treating health care *practitioners*. C. The provider shall make appropriate arrangements or referrals to all services or successor providers identified in the discharge plan prior to the individual's scheduled discharge date. D. The content of the discharge plan and the determination to discharge the individual shall be consistent with the ISP and the criteria for discharge. E. The provider shall complete a written discharge summary within 30 days of discharge that includes, at a minimum, the following: 1. Reason for the individual's admission to and discharge from the service; 2. Description of participation by the individual or the individual's authorized representative in discharge planning; 3. The individual's current level of functioning or functioning limitations, if applicable; 4. Recommended procedures, activities, or referrals to assist the individual in maintaining or improving functioning and increased independence; 5. The status, location, and arrangements that were made for future services; 6. Progress made by the individual in achieving goals and objectives identified in the ISP and a summary of critical events during service provision; 7. Date of discharge and when the discharge summary was actually written or documented; and 8. Signature of the provider's employee or contractor responsible for preparing the discharge summary. E This section does not apply to crisis services as crisis services shall comply with Part VIII of this chapter.

693 Discharge

This was updated to remove duplicated language.

A subsection was removed so the regulation changes it from 693.A-G to 693.A-F

The contents of the discharge summary are now outlined in 693.E and must address items 1-8

DBHDS

12VAC35-105-700 Written policies and procedures for crisis or emergency interventions; required elements ...

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A. The provider shall implement written policies and procedures for prompt intervention in the event of a crisis <u>as defined in 12VAC35-105-20</u> or a behavioral, medical, or psychiatric emergency that may occur during screening and referral, at admission, or during the period of service provision.
 B. The policies and procedures shall include:

1. A <u>service-specific working</u> definition of what constitutes a behavioral, medical, or psychiatric emergency;

2. Employee or contractor responsibilities; and

<u>3</u> Location of emergency medical information for each individual receiving services, including any advance psychiatric or medical directive or crisis response plan developed by the individual, which shall be readily accessible to employees or contractors on duty in an emergency or crisis.

700 Written policies and procedures for crisis or emergency interventions; required elements

Regarding this one, some of the language was simplified

DBHDS

12VAC35-105-720 Health care policy

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12VAC35-105-720 Health care policy

A. The provider shall implement a policy, appropriate to the scope and level of service <u>offered</u> that addresses provision of adequate and appropriate medical care. This policy shall describe how:

1. Medical care needs will be assessed including circumstances that will prompt the decision to obtain a medical assessment.

Individualized services plans will address any medical care needs appropriate to the scope and level of service.
 Identified medical care needs will be addressed.

4. The provider will manage medical care needs or respond to abnormal findings.

5. The provider will communicate medical assessments and diagnostic laboratory results to the individual and authorized representative, as appropriate.

6. The provider will keep accessible to staff and contractors on duty the names, addresses, and

telephone numbers of the individual's medical and dental providers.

7. The provider will ensure a means for facilitating and arranging, as appropriate, transportation to medical and dental appointments and medical tests, when services cannot be provided on site.

B. The provider shall implement written policies to identify any individuals who are at risk for falls and develop and implement a fall prevention and management plan and program for each at risk individual.

C. The provider shall implement written infection control measures, including the use of universal precautions.

<u>D</u>. The provider shall report outbreaks of infectious diseases to the <u>Virginia</u> Department of Health pursuant to § 32.1-37 of the Code of Virginia.

720 Health care policy

Here, language was simplified, and a subsection was removed

This changes it from 720.A-E to 720 A-D as seen

DBHDS	12VAC35-105-740 Physical examination for residential and inpatient services
12VAC35-105-740 Physic	cal examination for residential and inpatient services
shall <u>either</u> administer <u>a p</u> previous 12 months. Provi an individual's admission. B. A physical examination practitioner. <u>C.</u> The provider shall revie follow-up diagnostic tests,	dividual's admission, providers of residential or inpatient services hysical examination or obtain results of <u>an examination conducted</u> within <u>the</u> ders of inpatient services shall administer physical exams within 24 hours of shall include- <u>the</u> date of examination and signature of a qualified ew and follow up with the results of the physical examination and of any treatments, or examinations in the individual's record. pply to crisis services as crisis services shall comply with Part VIII of this

740 Physical examination for residential and inpatient services

A subsection was removed which changes it from 740.A-E to 740.A-D

Subsection A, a timeframe distinction is made for residential versus inpatient services.

Subsection B, providers no longer have to provide their own physical form since physicians utilize their own forms.

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..... **DBHDS** 12VAC35-105-770 Medication management 12VAC35-105-770 Medication management A. The provider shall implement written policies addressing: 1. The safe administration, handling, storage, and disposal of medications; 2. The use of medication orders; 3. The handling of packaged medications brought by individuals from outside the facility; 4. Training requirements necessary for employees or contractors who are authorized to administer medication; and 5. The window within which medications can be given in relation to the ordered or established time of administration. B. Medications shall be administered only by persons authorized to do so by the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). C. Medications shall be administered as prescribed and only to the individuals for whom the medications are prescribed. D. The provider shall maintain a daily log of all medicines received and refused by each individual. This log shall identify the employee or contractor who administered the medication, the name of the medication and dosage administered or refused, and the time the medication was administered or refused. E. If the provider administers medications or supervises self-administration of medication in a service, a current medication order for all medications the individual receives shall be maintained on site. F. The provider shall promptly dispose of discontinued drugs, outdated drugs, and drug containers with worn, illegible, or missing labels according to the applicable regulations of the Virginia Board of Pharmacy.

770 Medication management

This updates here include simplified language.

DBHDS	12VAC35-105-800 Policies and procedures on behavior interventions and supports
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interventions <i>that comply with a</i> procedures shall:	nt written policies and procedures that describe <u>conditions for</u> the use of behavior <u>the requirements of 12VAC35-115</u> , including seclusion, restraint, and time out. The policies and erventions in the order of relative degree of intrusiveness or restrictiveness and the conditions
under which <u>each intervention</u> <u>2.</u> Protect the safety and well-b <u>3.</u> Specify the mechanism for n	may be used in <u>accordance with each individual's ISP</u> , being of the individual at all times, including during fire and other emergencies; <u>and</u> monitoring <u>and documenting</u> the use of behavior interventions strained in behavior support interventions shall implement and monitor all behavior
interventions. C. Policies and procedures rela	lated to behavior interventions shall be available to individuals, families, authorized
1	es. Notification of policies does not need to occur in correctional facilities. vices shall discipline, restrain, seclude, or implement behavior interventions on other individuals
	ccurring during the implementation of seclusion or restraint shall be reported to the department 230 C.

800 Policies and procedures on behavior interventions and supports

Subsection A was updated to reflect Human Rights Regulations and simplifies the policies and procedures related to behavior interventions and supports

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DBHDS	12VAC35-105-870 Records management policy
12VAC35-105-870 Records management pol	icy
	en records management policy that describes confidentiality, accessibility, security, and
retention of records pertaining to individuals, includin	ng: <u>n</u> of individual information <u>only</u> to persons <u>legally</u> authorized according to federal and state
laws;	
2. Storage, processing, and handling of active and o	
 Security measures to protect records from loss, u transportation of records between service sites; 	nauthorized alteration, inadvertent or unauthorized access, disclosure of information, and
	ery from interruptions that result from disasters or emergencies, including contingency plans,
electronic or manual back-up systems, and data retr	rieval systems; and
<u>5.</u> Disposition of records in the event that the service provider shall have a written agreement with that pro	e ceases operation. If the disposition of records involves a transfer to another provider, the
	ent with applicable state and federal laws and regulations related to privacy of health
records, including:	
1. Section 32.1-127.1:03 of the Code of Virginia;	
2. 42 USC § 290dd; 3. 42 CFR Part 2: and	
	ty Act (Public Law 104-191) and implementing regulations (45 CFR Parts 160, 162, and
164).	,,
C. The policy shall specify what information is availa	
<u>D. Active and closed records shall be kept in area</u> flood.	s that are accessible to authorized staff and protected from unauthorized access, fire, and
	nt, dated, and authenticated by the person making the entry. Errors shall be corrected by
striking through and initialing.	

870 Records management policy

The title has change, previously referred to as Paper and electronic records management policy

Edits were made for clarification and to simplify the language and requirements.

Regarding subsection A, two items were removed

Subsections C, D and E were added

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This changes it from 870.A-B to 870.A-E.

DBHDS	12VAC35-105-890 Individual's service record
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A. There shall be a separate primary record for each i member who is receiving individual treatment. <u>The pra the Code of Virginia</u> .	y, if applicable; and
1. Screening documentation; 2. Assessments;	
3. Medical evaluation, as applicable to the service;	
 Individualized services plans and reviews; Progress notes; and 	
6. A discharge summary, if applicable.	

890 Individual's service record

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Please note that subsection A now includes code reference to the Virginia Health Records Act specific to individual records for clarity.

Alright, this concludes our review of the amended regulations. Now, I'm going to pass it over to Larisa

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The next few slides show regulations related to policies and procedures.

Providers are permitted to have more policies than the ones required. If a provider chooses to have additional policies beyond the minimum outlined in the regulations, then the provider is responsible for implementing those policies.

If it's in your policy and procedure manual, you must be implementing it, or you may be cited for noncompliance in accordance with regulation 12VAC35-105-150.5.

DBHDS	Policies and Procedures Cha	nges
Policies and Procedures	Applicable Regulation	
Prescreening & Discharge Planning (If applicable)	12VAC35-105-155.	
Root Cause Analysis Policy	12VAC35-105-160 E. (2)	
Serious Incident Reporting Policy	12VAC35-105-160. J.	Removed
Policy on Funds of Individuals Receiving Services	12VAC35-105-240. A.	
Weapons Policy	12VAC35-105-310.	Updated
Background Checks	12VAC35-105-400. B.	
Employee Training & Development	12VAC35-105-450.	No Change
Employee or Contactor Performance Evaluation	12VAC35-105-480. A.	
Written Grievance Policy	12VAC35-105-490.	
Students and Volunteers	12VAC35-105-500. A.	
Risk Management	12VAC35-105-520. B.	
Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	12VAC35-105-530. A.	
Nutrition (<i>If applicable</i>)	12VAC35-105-600.	
Monitoring and Evaluating Service Quality	12VAC35-105-620.	
Initial Contacts, Screening, and Admission	12VAC35-105-645. A.	
Assessment Policy	12VAC-35-105-650.	
Short-Term Intensive Individualized Services Plan (ISP) Requirements Policy	12VAC35-105-665. E.	
Orientation of Individuals	12VAC35-105-690. A.	
Transition of Individuals Among Service	12VAC35-105-691. A.	

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DBHDS	Policies and Procedures Change	es
Policies and Procedures	Applicable Regulation	
Discharge	12VAC35-105-693. A.	
Written Policies and Procedures for Crisis or Emergency Interventions	12VAC35-105-700. A.	
Written Policies and Procedures for Crisis or Emergency Interventions	12VAC35-105-700. B.	Removed
Health Care Policy	12VAC35-105-720. A.	
Fall Prevention and Management Policy	12VAC35-105-720. B.	Updated
Medical Equipment	12VAC35-105-760.	No Chang
Medication Management	12VAC35-105-770. A.	
Policies and Procedures on Behavior Interventions and Supports	12VAC35-105-800. A.	
Records Management Policy	12VAC35-105-870.	
Documentation Policy	12VAC35-105-880.	
Documentation of Contact with Community Services Boards (CSBs) or Behavioral Health Authorities (BHAs)	12VAC35-105-925. J.	
Assessment, Administration, and Regulation of Medication and Dose Levels	12VAC35-105-925. K.	
Services Provided to Discontinue Medication Assisted Opioid Treatment	12VAC35-105-925. L.	
Criteria for Patient Admission	12VAC35-105-935.	
Service Operation Schedule	12VAC35-105-950. B. (1)	
Initial and Periodic Assessment Services	12VAC35-105-960. D.	

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DBHDS	Policies and Procedures Char	nges
Policies and Procedures	Applicable Regulation	
Drug Screens	12VAC35-105-980. D.	
Take-Home Medication Procedures	12VAC35-105-990. E.	
Preventing Duplication of Medication Services	12VAC35-105-1000.	Removed
Diversion Plan	12VAC35-105-1050. D.	
Sponsor Qualification and Approval Process	12VAC35-105-1180. E.	Updated
Sponsored Residential Home Service Policies	12VAC35-105-1190.	No Chang
Case Manager Choice	12VAC35-105-1255.	
Service Requirements for Providers of Gero-Psychiatric Residential Services (If applicable)	12VAC35-105-1290.	
Crisis Assessment	12VAC35-105-1850.	
Safety Plan and Crisis ISP Policy	12VAC35-105-1870. D.	
Crisis Discharge Policy	12VAC35-105-1880. D.	
Written Policies and Procedures for the Use of Standard Precautions	12VAC35-105-1890. H.	
Vital Signs Procedures for Crisis Services	12VAC35-105-1900. C.	
Written Policies and Procedures for Audio or Audio-Video Recordings (If applicable)	12VAC35-105-1930. Q.	
Written Policies and Procedures for Searches	12VAC35-105-1930. R.	-

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