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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: **June 2, 2025**

TO: **Assisted Living Facilities**
Adult Day Centers
Children's Residential Facilities
Licensed Child-Placing Agencies
Child Caring Institutions

FROM: **Tara Davis-Ragland, Director**
Division of Licensing Programs

RE: **2025 Hurricane Season - Emergency Preparedness & Response Plan**

With the start of the 2025 Atlantic Hurricane Season officially underway, all licensed providers are reminded of the regulatory requirement to annually review and update their facility's Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan. This plan must be comprehensive, facility-specific, and operationally actionable to safeguard residents, participants, and staff before, during, and after a disaster.

All licensed programs must comply with annual review requirements as outlined in the following regulations:

Assisted Living Facilities: 22VAC40-73-950
Adult Day Centers: 22VAC40-61-520
Children's Residential Facilities: 22VAC40-151-990

Last week, Governor Glenn Youngkin issued a call for elevated statewide readiness. Considering what the southwest region of the Commonwealth experienced last fall, he urges everyone to take the necessary steps now to prepare and encourages review of plans and available resources.

To facilitate the required review of your Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan, please utilize the following state and federal tools:

Virginia Department of Emergency Management
Virginia Hurricane Evacuation Guide
Know Your Zone (Virginia)

Hurricane Safety Guidelines
Emergency Supply Kit Checklist
National Hurricane Preparedness
Ready.gov - Hurricanes
CDC Hurricane Preparedness

We also encourage you to take a few moments to watch the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association's 2025 National Weather Service Hurricane Season Briefing, to assist you in preparing for the upcoming hurricane season.

Thank you for taking the time to focus on this important topic. By planning ahead, your facility can help ensure everyone feels safe and supported if a storm hits. Taking steps now not only meets state requirements, but it also builds trust and peace of mind for your residents, their families and staff.