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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: October 20, 2026

TO: Assisted Living Facilities

FROM: Tara Ragland, Director, Division of Licensing Programs

SUBJECT: Notice of Publication of Webinar and Related Materials - Assisted Living Facility 2026 Legislative Changes

This memo provides notification to assisted living facility (ALF) providers and stakeholders that the recorded webinar addressing regulatory changes resulting from the exempt action for 22VAC40-73, *Standards for Licensed Assisted Living Facilities,* following legislation enacted during the 2026 General Assembly, is now available on the ALF webpage.

A PDF of the presentation slides and a document containing provider questions submitted during the webinar, along with responses from the Division, have also been posted. These materials can be found under the header "Training Resources" on the ALF webpage on the VDSS website.

The posted items are titled:

2026 ALF Legislative Updates Webinar (Recorded 10/2/2026)
- 2026 ALF Legislative Updates Slide Deck
- 2026 ALF Legislative Updates Provider Questions and Responses

The webinar was held on October 2, 2026, and covered regulations resulting from Chapter 323 and Chapter 496 of the 2026 Acts of Assembly, which add requirements related to automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and electronic monitoring in resident rooms.

The updated regulation will be posted on the ALF webpage under the header "Regulations & Code References." **The changes to the regulation will become effective on November 4, 2026.**

Should you have any questions, please contact your licensing inspector.