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Waivers and Variances of Essential Person Program Rules under Act 91 – An act relating to Vermont’s response to COVID-19

Act 91 authorizes the Agency of Human Services (AHS) to waive or permit variances of AHS rules to support children and families who receive benefits and services through the Department for Children and Families (DCF) during a declared state of emergency in Vermont as a result of COVID-19.

The table below lists the rules that have been waived or varied for the Essential Person Program Rules under Act 91. The DCF Economic Services Division (ESD) will provide at least 10 days advance notice to affected program participants before reducing or terminating benefits resulting from reinstatement of the rules.

Rule Number	Description of Waiver or Variance
2715 - Verification	ESD will accept self-reported income if verification is unavailable.
2721 – Review Decisions 2723 – Eligibility Review	Reviews of eligibility for cases in March, April, and May were extended for six months.
2781.1 – Personal Care Services 2781.2 – Homemaker Services	ESD will accept applicant’s self-reported need for personal care or homemaker services if verification from a qualified medical professional is unavailable.