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BOV-005: Notification to Parents of Tax-Dependent Students in Instances of Psychological Emergency

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Policy Type: University

Contact Office: [Dean of Students \(Office of the\)](#), [Student Health \(Department of\)](#)

Oversight Executive: Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer

Applies To: Academic Division and the College at Wise.

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Reason for Policy:

Va. Code Ann. Section 23.1-1303 (previously, House Bill 1005), passed during the 2008 General Assembly Session, requires that the governing boards of each institution establish policies and procedures necessary to comply with the legislation requiring parental notification of tax-dependent students in instances of psychological emergency.

Definition of Terms in Statement:

- Terms:
There are no terms that require definition.

Policy Statement:

In order to comply with Va. Code Ann. Section 23.1-1303 (previously House Bill 1005), which became effective on July 1, 2008, the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia hereby establishes as University policy the mandatory parental notification requirement.

1. Va. Code Ann. Section 23.1-1303:

The code specifically requires a parent of a dependent student to be notified when there exists a substantial likelihood that, as a result of mental illness, the student will in the near future:

- cause serious physical harm to himself or others as evidenced by recent behavior or

- any other relevant information; or
- suffer serious harm due to his lack of capacity to protect himself from harm or to provide for his basic human needs.

Va. Code Ann. Section 23.1-1303 allows such notification to be withheld if the student's treating physician or treating clinical psychologist has made a part of the student's record a written statement that, in the exercise of his/her professional judgment, the notification would be reasonably likely to cause substantial harm to the student or another person.

Procedures:

1. The University's Department of Student Health shall notify promptly the Dean of Students or his/her designee whenever the Department treats a student who meets the criteria for parental notification under this legislation; and
2. The Dean of Students or his/her designee shall be primarily responsible for contacting the parent of any such dependent student as required by state law, and documenting such notification as appropriate under the circumstances.

The foregoing general procedure is subject at all times to the authority and direction of the University's Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer to approve notification by such other University office or personnel as may be necessary or appropriate under the circumstances.

Related Information:

[Counseling and Psychological Services](#)
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Policy Background:

Reference: Approval of New Policies and Procedures to Notify Parents of Tax-Dependent Students in Instances of Psychological Emergency [April 10 -12, 2008, BOV Minutes, pgs. 7580-7581.](#)

Major Category: Board of Visitors

Approved by, Date: Board of Visitors, 04/10/2008

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