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MEMORANDUM

TO: Certified Mediators

FROM: Sally P. Campbell, DRS Manager

DATE: January 12, 2017

SUBJECT: DRS Seeking Mediator Comment – **Recertification Requirement Revisions**

Dispute Resolution Services is seeking mediator comment through Friday, January 27, 2017, on proposed revisions to recertification requirements in the [Guidelines for the Training and Certification of Court-Referred Mediators](#) (Section D.).

Virginia mediation entities including the Virginia Association for Community Conflict Resolution, the Joint ADR Committee of the Virginia State Bar and the Virginia Bar Association, and the Virginia Mediation Network have provided generally favorable feedback on the changes presented by these revisions. DRS may seek comment on further revisions at a later date.

Links to the draft revisions to the [Guidelines](#) Section D. are available in the beige box on the [mediation website](#). For context, a link to the current [Guidelines](#) document is provided in the first paragraph of this memo.

Proposed revisions include: 1) eliminating the distinction between General and Family CME, giving mediators more control over their continuing education training; 2) reducing the number of CME hours required for dually certified mediators; and 3) counting core course training (initial or retaken) as CME training. Also, extensive editing endeavors to achieve a clearer and more concise Section D.

Please provide comments on the proposed revisions in the survey document on the [mediation website](#). Mediator comments must be entered no later than Friday, January 27, 2017, after which DRS will review all comments received.

DRS anticipates presenting final revisions to the Judicial Council of Virginia for adoption at its next meeting, not yet scheduled, in 2017.