

Rural Area Flexibility Analysis (RAFA):

A rural area flexibility analysis is not required pursuant to subdivision four of section 202-bb of the State Administrative Procedure Act because the rule does not impose an adverse impact on rural areas. The proposed rule seeks only to establish regulations requiring local correctional facilities to record, review and report certain determinations to confine an inmate to a cell or deprive an inmate of essential services. Considering that such determinations are relatively infrequent, it will not impose an adverse economic impact on rural areas, nor impose any additional significant record keeping, reporting, or other compliance requirements on private or public entities in rural areas.