

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 conform regulations to recent legislation that restricts the use of segregated confinement and creates alternative therapeutic and rehabilitative confinement options in local correctional facilities.

Consequently, 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.