

## ***Rural Area Flexibility Analysis*** (SAPA §202-bb)

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### **INSTRUCTIONS: Please read before submitting an analysis.**

An acceptable “Rural Area Flexibility Analysis” consists of the following item headings and the explanatory information provided by the agency. The full text, including item headings must be typed in scannable format as described in the Department of State’s *Register* procedures manual, *Rule Making in New York*. The *italicized* text shown in parentheses following each item heading is instructional only, and should not appear in the final analysis. If the submission is a revised or consolidated regulatory flexibility analysis, be sure to add the word “Revised” or “Consolidated” to the title. If the analysis exceeds 2,000 words, submit a summary.

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### Rural Area Flexibility Analysis

1. **Types and estimated numbers of rural areas:** *(Describe the types and estimated number of rural areas to which the rule will apply.)*
2. **Reporting, recordkeeping and other compliance requirements; and professional services:** *(Describe the reporting, recordkeeping and other compliance requirements of the rule and the kinds of professional services that are likely to be needed in a rural area to comply with the rule.)*
3. **Costs:** *(Estimate the initial capital costs and any annual cost to comply with the rule, indicating any likely variation in such costs for different types of public and private entities in rural areas.)*
4. **Minimizing adverse impact:** *(Explain how the rule is designed to minimize any adverse impact on rural areas, including information regarding whether the approaches suggested by SAPA §202-bb(2) or other similar approaches were considered.)*
5. **Rural area participation:** *(Explain how your agency complied with SAPA § 202-bb(7), that requires agencies to provide public and private interests in rural areas with the opportunity to participate in the rule making process, public and/or direct notice, public hearings and/or meetings, and adoption or modification of procedural rules to minimize cost or complexity.)*