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MEMORANDUM

TO: William L. Harp, MD
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FROM: Erin L. Barrett
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DATE: October 31, 2018

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants*
18VAC85-50-10 *et seq.*

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants*, 18VAC85-50-10 *et seq.* The proposed amendments eliminate outdated requirements for physician assistants to submit practice agreements to the Board for approval, which requirements were eliminated with the passage of 2016 Va. Acts Ch. 450. The Board of Medicine has the statutory authority to amend these regulations under Virginia Code §§ 54.1-2400, 54.1-2952, and 54.1-2952.1. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.