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Marissa J. Levine, M.D., M.P.H. State Health Commissioner Virginia Department of Health 109 Governor Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Rules and Regulations Governing Outpatient Health Data Reporting

12 VAC 5-218

Dear Dr. Levine:

I have reviewed the Rules and Regulations Governing Outpatient Health Data Reporting in 12 VAC 5-218. These regulations do not conflict with other federal or state statutes or regulations and do not violate the United States or Virginia Constitutions.

The Board of Health has the authority to promulgate the regulations under Va. Code §§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-276.6. The regulations are consistent with the Board's mandate, and the Board will not exceed its statutory authority by promulgating these regulations.

yours,

Very truly

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