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Mr. Charles S. Reed Associate Director, Office of Health Benefits Department of Human Resource Management 101 N.14th Street, 13th Floor Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Proposed New Regulations for Administration of Long Term Health Care Program for State and Local Employees

(1VAC55-30-10 through -90)

Dear Mr. Reed:

I have reviewed the Department of Human Resource Management's proposed regulations (1VAC55-30-10 through -90), which would implement the establishment and implementation of long-term health insurance for local and state employees as required by Va. Code §§2.2- 1207 and -1208. I understand these regulations will replace the earlier regulations submitted as emergency regulations to implement the requirements of §2.2-1208 governing long-term insurance for state employees only.

I am of the opinion that the proposed regulations are within the authority of the Department of Human Resource Management under the cited code provisions and do not conflict with state or federal law.

Sincerely yours,

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