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MEMORANDUM

TO: Arne Owens

Director

Virginia Department of Health Professions

FROM: James E. Rutkowski

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DATE: November 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Periodic Review of the Regulations Governing the Prescription Monitoring

Program 18VAC76-20

In accordance with Va. Code §§ 2.2-4007.1 and 2.2-4017, I have reviewed the *Regulations Governing the Prescription Monitoring Program*, 18VAC76-20. These regulations are undergoing periodic review. In my opinion, the Director of the Department of Health Professions (Director) had the authority under Va. Code § 54.1-2520 to adopt the current regulations, and the Director has the authority to amend the regulations.