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M. Norman Oliver, M.D., M.A. State Health Commissioner Virginia Department of Health 109 Governor Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Regulations Setting Forth the Requirements for Doula Certification 12 VAC 5-403

Dear Dr. Oliver:

I have reviewed the Board of Health's action to establish regulations setting forth the requirements for doula certification. The amended 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 regulation under Va. Code §§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-77.1. The regulation is consistent with the Board's mandate as set forth in these sections. The Board of Health will not exceed its statutory authority in promulgating these regulatory amendments.

Very truly yours,

Robin V. Kurz Senior Assistant Attorney General