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Subject: Virginia Department of Health Review of Department of Planning and

Budget's Economic Impact Analysis

RE: 12 VAC 5-507 – Guidelines for General Assembly Nursing Scholarships

and Loan Repayment Program Requiring Service in a Long-Term-Care

Facility

Date: September 20, 2012

The Board of Health proposed in 2010 to develop regulations for a currently unfunded program where nurses could receive a scholarship or educational loan repayment in exchange for a period of service in a long-term care facility in the Commonwealth. The proposed regulations establish the legislative authority and provide the general information regarding the program, including definitions, scholarship rules and loan repayment rules required to implement the program.

VDH concurs with the conclusion reached by the Department of Planning and Budget's Economic Impact Analysis that the benefits will likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.