



## Periodic Review / Retain Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Department of Health
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	12 VAC 5-217
<b>Regulation title</b>	Regulations of the Patient Level Data System
<b>Document preparation date</b>	February 19, 2008

This form is used when the agency has done a periodic review of a regulation and plans to retain the regulation without change. This information is required pursuant to Executive Orders 36 (2006) and 58 (1999).

### Legal basis

*Please identify the state and/or federal legal authority for the regulation, including (1) the most relevant law and/or regulation, and (2) promulgating entity, i.e., agency, board, or person.*

1. Statutory authority for the regulation is found in *Code of Virginia* §§ 32.1-276.6
2. The State Board of Health has mandatory authority to administer the health care data reporting initiatives established by this section of the code.

### Alternatives

*Please describe all viable alternatives for achieving the purpose of the existing regulation that have been considered as part of the periodic review process. Include an explanation of why such alternatives were rejected and why this regulation is the least burdensome alternative available for achieving the purpose of the regulation.*

No viable alternatives have been considered as part of this periodic review process. This regulation, in effect for approximately 12 years, provides direction for an integrated system for collection and analysis of health care data. This data provides an important summary of patient care in Virginia and is the basis for Virginia's Patient Level Data System.

**Public comment**

*Please summarize all comments received during the public comment period following the publication of the Notice of Periodic Review, and provide the agency response. Please indicate if an informal advisory group was formed for purposes of assisting in the periodic review.*

Commenter	Comment	Agency response

An informal advisory group was not formed because there were no requests for revisions to this regulation and no comments were received.

**Effectiveness**

*Please indicate whether the regulation meets the criteria set out in Executive Order 36, e.g., is necessary for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, and is clearly written and easily understandable.*

The regulation clearly specifies the reporting requirements for the patient level data base. The analysis of the data from this system provides information for public policy, legislative needs, health service regulation, public health and consumers and helps to improve the quality of health care in the Commonwealth.

**Result**

*Please state that the agency is recommending that the regulation should stay in effect without change.*

The Department of Health is recommending that the regulation stay in effect without change.

**Family impact**

*Please provide an analysis of the regulation’s impact on the institution of the family and family stability.*

The analysis of data from the Virginia Patient Level Data System is used to develop databases and specialized consumer guides. This information is made readily available to consumers, employers, providers and purchasers of health care to enhance their ability to make more informed health care purchasing decisions and to improve the quality of care.