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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** William L. Harp, MD  
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Virginia Board of Medicine

**FROM:** Erin L. Barrett  
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**DATE:** March 24, 2014

**SUBJECT:** *Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Acupuncturists*  
18VAC85-110-50

I have reviewed the amendment to the Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Acupuncturists, 18VAC85-110-50. The proposed amendment authorizes the Board to license an applicant from an acupuncture program or school in candidacy status for accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine if the program attended by the applicant meets the other applicable requirements, aside from certification, for acupuncture programs in the Regulation. The Board has the statutory authority to amend these Regulations under Va. Code §§ 54.1-2400(6) and 54.1-2956.10. The proposed amendment is constitutional and does not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.

