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To: Department of Planning and Budget
From: Michael Royster, MD, MPH, Director, Office of Minority Health & Health Equity, Virginia Department of Health
Subject: Virginia Department of Health Review of Department of Planning and Budget's Economic Impact Analysis
RE: 12 VAC 5-540 – Rules and Regulations for the Identification of Medically Underserved Areas in Virginia
Date: September 19, 2012

The regulations under review were designed to identify medically underserved areas within the Commonwealth in support of those public and private programs concerned with the appropriate distribution and expansion of healthcare services.

VDH concurs with the conclusion reached by the Department of Planning and Budget's Economic Impact Analysis that the benefits for the proposed changes will exceed the costs incurred in updating and identifying medically underserved areas in Virginia in accordance with the amended regulations.