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**RE: 18VAC76-20-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Prescription  
Monitoring Program**

Dear Dr. Cane:

I have reviewed the amendments to regulations relating to reporting information by dispensers to the Prescription Monitoring Program. The changes are consistent with requirements of federal code in 42 USC 280g-3 and are also authorized by § 54.1-2521 of the Code of Virginia, which grants authority to the Director to include in regulation any other information as required to be eligible for federal funds.

Therefore, I find the amended regulations are "necessary to meet the requirements of federal law or regulations." § 2.2-4006 (A)(4)(c) is applicable and the amendments are exempt from Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard M. Casway".

Howard M. Casway  
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c: Elaine J. Yeatts, Agency Regulatory Coordinator  
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