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Exempt Agency Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency Name:	Board of Optometry - Department of Health Professions
VAC Chapter Number:	18 VAC 105-30-10 et seq.
Regulation Title:	Regulations on Certification of Optometrists to Use Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents
Action Title:	Revision of reference to list of approved drugs in "Drug Facts and Comparisons"
Date:	5/26/00

Where an agency is exempt in part or in whole from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (§ 9-6.14:1 et seq. of the *Code of Virginia*), the agency may provide information pertaining to the action to be included on the Regulatory Town Hall. The agency must still comply the requirements of the Virginia Register Act (§ 9-6.18 et seq. of the *Code of Virginia*) and file the regulations with the Registrar in a style and format conforming with the *Virginia Register Form, Style and Procedure Manual*. The agency must also comply with Executive Order Fifty-Eight (99) which requires an assessment of the regulation's impact on the institution of the family and family stability.

This agency background document may be used by **agencies exempt pursuant to § 9-6.14:4.1(A) of the APA**. Note agencies exempted need not file a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action. Exempt agencies must file with the Registrar beginning at the proposed stage.

Summary

Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or the regulation being repealed. There is no need to state each provision or amendment or restate the purpose and intent of the regulation; instead give a summary of the regulatory action and alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The board is amending Section 70 of its regulations to correct the reference to the current edition of "Drug Facts and Comparisons Updated Monthly". There is no longer a section titles "Topical Preparations" subsection "Ophthalmic Products"; those drugs which are approved for use by optometrists with TPA certification are those listed in Chapter 12 of

the reference, with the exception of injectible ophthalmic agents and otic preparations which optometrists are not permitted by Virginia law to use.

The effective date of this regulation will be July 19, 2000.

Statement of Final Agency Action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency: including the date the action was taken, the name of the agency taking the action, and the title of the regulation.

In accordance with the powers and duties of Board of Optometry, amendments to 18 VAC 105-30-10 et seq. were adopted on May 3, 2000. Although required to comply with the Virginia Register Act, the agency is exempt from provisions of the Administrative Process Act for the implementation of these regulations pursuant to § 9-6.14:4. C (3).

Family Impact Statement

Please provide an analysis of the regulatory action that assesses the impact on the institution of the family and family stability including the extent to which the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

There is no impact on the family as a result of this regulatory action.