



Virginia Department of Planning and Budget **Economic Impact Analysis**

18 VAC 110-20 – Regulations Governing the Practice of Pharmacy
Department of Health Professions
August 27, 2014

Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board of Pharmacy (Board) proposes to update its regulations to reflect some of the current procedures followed in practice.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

The Board proposes to update its regulations to reflect some of the current procedures followed in practice. The proposed changes include 1) allowing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers to exchange Schedule VI drugs or devices one-for-one from the drug stock in the emergency department or from an automated drug dispensing device rather than replacing the entire kit from the pharmacy, and 2) providing more specificity about the records for the kit containing drugs and about which practitioners may reconcile contents of the kit or witness destruction of drugs.

According to the Department of Health Professions, all of the proposed changes are already followed in practice. Thus, no significant economic effect is expected other than the benefits garnered from improving the clarity of the regulation.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The proposed amendments primarily apply to EMS agencies and hospital pharmacies. In May of 2014, there were 673 licensed EMS agencies in Virginia.

Localities Particularly Affected

The regulations apply throughout the Commonwealth.

Projected Impact on Employment

No significant impact on employment is expected.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

No significant impact on the use and value of private property is expected.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have costs and other affects on businesses.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have costs and other affects on small businesses.

Real Estate Development Costs

No significant impact on real estate development costs is expected.

Legal Mandate

General: The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia and Executive Order Number 17 (2014). Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses determine the public benefits and costs of the proposed amendments. Further the report should include but not be limited to:

- the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the proposed regulation would apply,
- the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected,
- the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected,
- the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and
- the impact on the use and value of private property.

Small Businesses: If the proposed regulation will have an adverse effect on small businesses, § 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include:

- an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation,
- the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents,

- a statement of the probable effect of the proposed regulation on affected small businesses, and
- a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation.

Additionally, pursuant to § 2.2-4007.1, if there is a finding that a proposed regulation may have an adverse impact on small business, the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules (JCAR) is notified at the time the proposed regulation is submitted to the *Virginia Register of Regulations* for publication. This analysis shall represent DPB's best estimate for the purposes of public review and comment on the proposed regulation.

ooo

Town Hall ID: 4216/7012