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MEMORANDUM

TO: William L. Harp, MD
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FROM: Erin L. Barrett
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DATE: August 7, 2017

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing the Practice of Genetic Counseling*
18VAC85-170-10 *et seq.*

I have reviewed the amendment to the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Genetic Counseling*, 18VAC85-170-10, *et seq.* The proposed amendment changes the effective date for practitioners receiving an exemption for a portion of the licensure requirements consistent with changes in the Code of Virginia following the passage of 2017 Va. Acts Ch. 422. These proposed amendments are exempt from the operation of the Virginia Administrative Process Act and review by the Executive Branch in accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-4006(A)(4)(a), which provides an exemption for regulations “[n]ecessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law or the appropriation act where no agency discretion is involved.” Va. Code § 2.2-4006(A)(4)(a). The Board of Medicine has the statutory authority to amend these Regulations under Virginia Code § 54.1-2400. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.

