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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Arne Owens  
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**FROM:** M. Brent Saunders  
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**DATE:** June 16, 2023

**SUBJECT:** *Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants*  
18VAC85-50

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants*, 18VAC85-50, as adopted by the Board of Medicine on October 6, 2022. The Board has the authority to adopt these regulations under Virginia Code §§ 54.1-2400 and 54.1-2951.1. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.