

Virginia Department of Health Response to Economic Impact Analysis

The Economic Impact Analysis prepared by the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget for the permanent regulations replacing the emergency regulations for Virginia's Rules and Regulations Governing Cooperative Agreements, 12VAC5-221, (Regulations) reported an adverse impact resulting from the Regulations. The adverse impact, stated as "those benefits would likely not be large enough to outweigh all costs laid out above" (Economic Impact Analysis, page 6), addresses the impact of an approval of a request for a letter authorizing a cooperative agreement provided for in the Regulations and the Code of Virginia. However, the adverse impact described is not a result of the application of the Regulations, which generally mirror the Code of Virginia enabling language, to the review of such a request. Any adverse economic impact likely to result from an approved request for a cooperative agreement is a consideration of the review of the request and would be unique to the request and not a result of the application of the Regulations. The likely impact of the cooperative agreement is a factor in the State Health Commissioner's decision to approve or deny the request.