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## Exempt Action: Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Board of Medicine, Department of Health Professions
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)</b>	18VAC85-50
<b>VAC Chapter title(s)</b>	Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants
<b>Action title</b>	Amendment to allow physician assistants working for defined employers to practice without a separate practice agreement if certain statutory requirements are met
<b>Final agency action date</b>	June 13, 2024
<b>Date this document prepared</b>	June 13, 2024

This information is required for executive branch review pursuant to Executive Order 19 (2022) (EO 19), any instructions or procedures issued by the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) or the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) pursuant to EO 19. In addition, this information is required by the Virginia Registrar of Regulations pursuant to the Virginia Register Act (§ 2.2-4100 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). Regulations must conform to the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC 7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code*.

### Brief Summary

*Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

Pursuant to Chapter 116 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly, the Board has amended 18VAC85-50 to provide an exception to maintenance of a written practice agreement for physician assistants employed by (i) a hospital as defined by § 32.1-123 of the Code of Virginia, (ii) a state facility as defined by § 37.2-100 of the Code of Virginia, or (iii) a federally qualified health center designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

### Mandate and Impetus

*Identify the mandate for this regulatory change and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or board decision). For purposes of executive branch review, "mandate" has the same meaning as defined in the ORM procedures, "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."*

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[Chapter 116 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly](#) requires the Board to amend this regulation.

### **Statement of Final Agency Action**

*Provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.*

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On June 13, 2024, the Board of Medicine voted to amend 18VAC85-50, Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants, pursuant with legislation of the 2024 General Assembly.