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RE: 18VAC76-20-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Prescription Monitoring Program

Dear Dr. Cane:

I have reviewed the amendments to regulations relating to disclosure of information in the Prescription Monitoring Program. The changes are consistent with changes to § 54.1-2523 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by Chapter 472 of the 2009 Acts of the Assembly and Chapter 739 of the 2013 Acts of the Assembly.

Therefore, I find that § 2.2-4006(A)(4) is applicable in that the amendment is "necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law or the appropriation act where no agency discretion is involved," and the amendments are exempt from Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard M. Casway".

Howard M. Casway
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c: Elaine J. Yeatts, Agency Regulatory Coordinator
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