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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Medicine, Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation(s)	18VAC85-20-10 et seq.; 18VAC85-40-10 et seq.; 18VAC85-50-10 et seq.; 18VAC85-80-10 et seq.; 18VAC85-101-10 et seq.; 18VAC85-110-10 et seq.; 18VAC85-120-10 et seq.; 18VAC85-130-10 et seq.; 18VAC85-140-10 et seq.; 18VAC85-150-10 et seq.; 18VAC85-160-10 et seq.
Regulation title(s)	Regulations Governing the:
	Practice of Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Podiatry and Chiropractic
	Practice of Respiratory Care Practitioners
	Practice of Physician Assistants
	Licensure of Occupational Therapists
	Licensure of Radiologic Technologists and Radiologic Technologists-
	Limited
	Practice of Licensed Acupuncturists
	Licensure of Athletic Trainers
	Practice of Licensed Midwives
	Practice of Behavior Analysis
	Registration of Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists
Action title	Renewal fee reduction
Final agency action date	December 4, 2015
Date this document prepared	December 4, 2015

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Brief summary

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Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, proposed amendments to the existing regulation, or the regulation proposed to be repealed. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

Pursuant to § 2.2-4006 A 7 of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Medicine adopted amendments to all chapters under the Board of Medicine for a one-time fee reduction applicable to the next renewal cycle for all professions in 2016 or 2017.

Statement of final agency action

Please 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.

On December 4, 2015, the Board of Medicine amended the following chapters for a one-time reduction in renewal fees for Regulations Governing the:

Practice of Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Podiatry and Chiropractic

Practice of Respiratory Care Practitioners

Practice of Physician Assistants

Licensure of Occupational Therapists

Licensure of Radiologic Technologists and Radiologic Technologists-Limited

Practice of Licensed Acupuncturists

Licensure of Athletic Trainers

Practice of Licensed Midwives

Practice of Behavior Analysis

Registration of Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists

Family impact

Please assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

There is no impact on the family.