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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: M. Brent Saunders
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DATE: December 15, 2023

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing Prescribing of Opioids and Buprenorphine*
18VAC85-21

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the *Regulations Governing Prescribing of Opioids and Buprenorphine*, 18VAC85-21, as adopted by the Board of Medicine on June 22, 2023. The Board has the authority to adopt these regulations under Virginia Code §§ 54.1-2400(6) and 54.1-2928.2. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.