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Nancy Ford Office of Family Health Services Virginia Department of Health 109 Governor Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Regulations for Virginia Newborn Screening Services

12 VAC 5-71-10 et seq.

Dear Ms. Ford:

I have reviewed the Virginia Department of Health's regulations for Virginia Newborn Screening Services. The amended regulations do not conflict with other federal or state statutes or regulations and do not violate the United States or Virginia Constitutions.

The Board of Health has the authority to promulgate the regulations under Va. Code §§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-65 to 32.1-67.1. The regulations are consistent with the Board's mandate, and the Board will not exceed its statutory authority by approving these regulations.

Very truly yours,

Robin V. Kurz Special Counsel