



Periodic Review / Retain Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Department of Health
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	12 VAC 5-216
Regulation title	Methodology to Measure Efficiency and Productivity of Health Care Institutions
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This form is used when the agency has done a periodic review of a regulation and plans to retain the regulation without change. This information is required pursuant to Executive Orders 36 (2006) and 58 (1999).

Legal basis

Please identify the state and/or federal legal authority for the regulation, including (1) the most relevant law and/or regulation, and (2) promulgating entity, i.e., agency, board, or person.

1. Statutory authority for the regulation is found in *Code of Virginia* §§ 32.1-276.7
2. The State Board of Health has mandatory authority to administer the health care data reporting initiatives established by this section of the code.

Alternatives

Please describe all viable alternatives for achieving the purpose of the existing regulation that have been considered as part of the periodic review process. Include an explanation of why such alternatives were rejected and why this regulation is the least burdensome alternative available for achieving the purpose of the regulation.

No viable alternatives have been considered as part of this periodic review process. This regulation specifies a system to review and measure the efficiency and productivity of health care providers. The current Efficiency and Productivity Information Collection System (EPICS) provides consumers and buyers of health care with information that allows them to make more informed health care decisions.

Public comment

Please summarize all comments received during the public comment period following the publication of the Notice of Periodic Review, and provide the agency response. Please indicate if an informal advisory group was formed for purposes of assisting in the periodic review.

Commenter	Comment	Agency response

An informal advisory group was not formed because there were no requests for revisions to this regulation and no comments were received.

Effectiveness

Please indicate whether the regulation meets the criteria set out in Executive Order 36, e.g., is necessary for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, and is clearly written and easily understandable.

The regulation ensures that the data to measure the efficiency and productivity of health care providers is collected, analyzed and published in a manner that supports effective health care data analysis and reporting to help increase the efficiency, lower the cost and improve the quality of health care in the Commonwealth.

Result

Please state that the agency is recommending that the regulation should stay in effect without change.

The Department of Health is recommending that the regulation stay in effect without change.

Family impact

Please provide an analysis of the regulation’s impact on the institution of the family and family stability.

The information from the EPICS system gives data end-users and health service purchasers valuable decision support information that helps identify the most efficient and productive health care providers.