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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** William L. Harp, MD  
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Virginia Board of Medicine

**FROM:** Erin L. Barrett  
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**DATE:** July 7, 2014

**SUBJECT:** *Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Podiatry and Chiropractic*  
18VAC85-20-90

I have reviewed the amendment to the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Podiatry and Chiropractic*, 18VAC85-20-90. The proposed amendment allows physician assistants and nurse practitioners, in accordance with their practice agreements with collaborating physicians, to perform the required functions and prescribe controlled substances in accordance with the specified standard of care for weight loss drugs. The Board has the statutory authority to amend this Regulation under Va. Code § 54.1-2400(6). The proposed amendment is constitutional and does not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.