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MEMORANDUM

TO: William L. Harp, MD
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FROM: Erin L. Barrett
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DATE: August 14, 2019

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants*
18VAC85-50-10 *et seq.*

I have reviewed the amendments to the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants*, 18VAC85-50-10 *et seq.*, which have been amended as emergency regulations pursuant to 2019 Va. Acts Ch. 137. The amendments eliminate supervision of physician assistants by a physician or podiatrist, replacing supervision with collaboration or consultation with a patient care team physician or podiatrist. The Board of Medicine has the statutory authority to amend these regulations under Virginia Code §§ 54.1-2400 and 54.1-2951.1. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.