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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: September 26, 2017

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners*
Regulations for Prescriptive Authority for Nurse Practitioners
18 VAC 90-30-220
18 VAC 90-40-10, *et seq.*

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the *Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners* and the *Regulations for Prescriptive Authority for Nurse Practitioners*, 18 VAC 90-30-10, *et seq.* and 18 VAC 90-40-10, *et seq.*, that were adopted by the Virginia Board of Nursing on July 18, 2017, and the Virginia Board of Medicine on June 22, 2017. The proposed regulations establish requirements for the management of acute pain, the management of chronic pain, and the treatment of opioid addiction with buprenorphine. The proposed regulations are identical to the re-adopted emergency regulations governing the same topics. The Boards have the authority to adopt these regulations under Virginia Code §§ 54.1-2400 and 54.1-2957. The proposed regulations are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.