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Robert A. Nebiker Director Virginia Department of Health Professions 6603 West Broad Street Richmond, VA 23230-1712

RE: Regulations Governing the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program

Dear Mr. Nebiker:

I have reviewed the amendments to regulations of the Department for the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program relating to attendance by the members of the Program Committee and the authority of the chairperson to act on its behalf.

Therefore, I find that the regulation can be amended under provisions of § 2.2-4002 and that the action is exempt from the Administrative Process Act.

Sincerely,

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c: Elaine J. Yeatts, Agency Regulatory Coordinator Department of Health Professions