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James W. Stewart, III
Interim Commissioner
Department of Behavioral Health and
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Dear Jim,

I have reviewed the proposed *Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services*, 12 VAC 35-115-10 et seq. The Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services has the authority to adopt the regulations pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 37.2-203 and 37.2-400 and is required to do so. The proposed *Regulations* do not conflict with the United States or Virginia Constitutions and do not conflict with existing laws or other regulations.

Please let us know if we can provide further assistance with these Regulations.

Very truly yours,

Jane D. Hickey
Senior Assistant Attorney General/Chief
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