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MEMORANDUM

TO: S. Hughes Melton, MD, MBA, FAAFP, FABAM
Commissioner
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

FROM: Karen A. Taylor
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DATE: November 2, 2018

SUBJECT: *Regulations to Ensure the Protection of Subjects in Human Research*
12 VAC 35-180-10 et seq.

I have reviewed the amendments to the *Regulations to Ensure the Protection of Subjects in Human Research*, 12 VAC 35-180-10 et seq., which were adopted by the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services on October 3, 2018. The Board has the statutory authority to amend these Regulations pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 37.2-203 and 37.2-402. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.