



## Periodic Review / Retain Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Department of Health
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	12 VAC 5-215
<b>Regulation title</b>	Rules and Regulations Governing Health Data Reporting
<b>Document preparation date</b>	February 13, 2008

This form is used when the agency has done a periodic review of a regulation and plans to retain the regulation without change. This information is required pursuant to Executive Orders 36 (2006) and 58 (1999).

### Legal basis

*Please identify the state and/or federal legal authority for the regulation, including (1) the most relevant law and/or regulation, and (2) promulgating entity, i.e., agency, board, or person.*

1. Statutory authority for the regulation is found in *Code of Virginia* §§ 32.1-276.2
2. The State Board of Health has mandatory authority to administer the health care data reporting initiatives established by this section of the code.

### Alternatives

*Please describe all viable alternatives for achieving the purpose of the existing regulation that have been considered as part of the periodic review process. Include an explanation of why such alternatives were rejected and why this regulation is the least burdensome alternative available for achieving the purpose of the regulation.*

No viable alternatives have been considered as part of this periodic review process. This regulation specifying for health care institutions the filing requirements, due dates, fee structure and financial information provides health data for analysis and reporting initiatives. The current system provides valuable health care data that is published and disseminated.

**Public comment**

*Please summarize all comments received during the public comment period following the publication of the Notice of Periodic Review, and provide the agency response. Please indicate if an informal advisory group was formed for purposes of assisting in the periodic review.*

Commenter	Comment	Agency response

An informal advisory group was not formed because there were no requests for revisions to this regulation and no comments were received.

**Effectiveness**

*Please indicate whether the regulation meets the criteria set out in Executive Order 36, e.g., is necessary for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, and is clearly written and easily understandable.*

The regulation ensures that health care data is collected in a manner that supports effective health care data analysis and reporting to improve the efficiency, lower the cost and improve the quality of health care in the Commonwealth.

**Result**

*Please state that the agency is recommending that the regulation should stay in effect without change.*

The Department of Health is recommending that the regulation stay in effect without change.

**Family impact**

*Please provide an analysis of the regulation’s impact on the institution of the family and family stability.*

This regulation provides for the collection of health related data to develop health care guides and reports for businesses and consumers and to support health services research. The information is valuable for decision support and policy development for health care in Virginia.