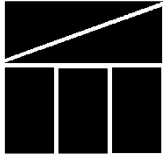


Adverse impact notification sent to Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Finance (COV § 2.2-4007.04.C): Yes Not Needed

If/when this economic impact analysis (EIA) is published in the *Virginia Register of Regulations*, notification will be sent to each member of the General Assembly (COV § 2.2-4007.04.B).



Virginia Department of Planning and Budget Economic Impact Analysis

18 VAC 85-50 Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants

Department of Health Professions

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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board of Medicine (Board) proposes to eliminate current requirements for submission to the Board and Board approval of a physician's certification that his/her physician assistant (PA) is competent to perform specific invasive procedures¹ without direct supervision.

Result of Analysis

The benefits exceed the costs for the proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

The proposed regulation would continue to require that the supervising physician attest to the competency of a PA to perform the specific invasive procedures without direct supervision, but would no longer require that the certification be submitted to and approved by the Board. The certification would be in the practice agreement between the supervising physician and the PA. Eliminating the requirements for submission to the Board and Board approval of the physician's certification would save time and effort and potentially would enable a PA to start work sooner. Given that the supervising physician must still attest to the competency of the PA

¹ The applicable invasive procedures are all invasive procedures other than insertion a nasogastric tube, bladder catheter, needle, or peripheral intravenous catheter, but not a flow-directed catheter, and minor suturing, venipuncture, and subcutaneous intramuscular or intravenous injection. These named procedures may already be performed by a PA under general supervision.

to perform the specific invasive procedures without direct supervision, the proposed amendment should not affect public health and safety. Thus it should produce a net benefit.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The proposed amendments affect current and future physician assistants in the Commonwealth, and their supervising physicians. There are 3,444 persons who hold a current Virginia license as a physician assistant,² each of whom may have multiple supervising physicians.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed amendments do not disproportionately affect particular localities.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed amendments are unlikely to significantly affect employment.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposed amendments are unlikely to significantly affect the use and value of private property.

Real Estate Development Costs

The proposed amendments do not affect real estate development costs.

Small Businesses:

Definition

Pursuant to § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia, small business is defined as “a business entity, including its affiliates, that (i) is independently owned and operated and (ii) employs fewer than 500 full-time employees or has gross annual sales of less than \$6 million.”

Costs and Other Effects

The proposed amendments would save staff time and potentially enable PAs to start work sooner at small medical practices and other small firms that employ PAs.

Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

The proposed amendments do not adversely affect small businesses.

² Data source: Department of Health Professions

Adverse Impacts:**Businesses:**

The proposed amendments do not adversely affect businesses.

Localities:

The proposed amendments do not adversely affect localities.

Other Entities:

The proposed amendments do not adversely affect other entities.

Legal Mandates

General: The Department of Planning and Budget has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia (Code) and Executive Order Number 17 (2014). Code § 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses determine the public benefits and costs of the proposed amendments. Further the report should include but not be limited to: (1) the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the proposed regulatory action would apply, (2) the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, (3) the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, (4) the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and (5) the impact on the use and value of private property.

Adverse impacts: Pursuant to Code § 2.2-4007.04(C): In the event this economic impact analysis reveals that the proposed regulation would have an adverse economic impact on businesses or would impose a significant adverse economic impact on a locality, business, or entity particularly affected, the Department of Planning and Budget shall advise the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance within the 45-day period.

If the proposed regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses, Code § 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include: (1) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation, (2) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents, (3) a statement of the probable effect of the proposed regulation on affected small businesses, and (4) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation. Additionally, pursuant to Code § 2.2-4007.1, if there is a finding that a proposed regulation may have an adverse impact on small business, the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules shall be notified.

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