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MEMORANDUM

TO: William L. Harp, MD
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FROM: Erin L. Barrett
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DATE: March 14, 2018

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants*
18VAC85-50-10 *et seq.*

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants*, 18VAC85-50-10 *et seq.* The proposed amendments simplify the definitions and usage of terms for supervision of physician assistants and clarify that a physician assistant can take certain actions regarding pharmacotherapy treatment for weight loss provided those actions are authorized in a practice agreement with a supervising physician. The Board of Medicine has the statutory authority to amend these regulations under Virginia Code § 54.1-2400. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.