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MEMORANDUM

TO: Arne Owens
Director
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FROM: M. Brent Saunders
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DATE: September 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Regulations Governing the Practice of Genetic Counselors
18VAC85-170

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the Regulations Governing the Practice of Genetic Counselors (18VAC85-170), as adopted by the Board of Medicine at its Executive Committee meeting on August 1, 2025. The Board has the authority to adopt these amendments as an exempt regulatory action pursuant to Chapters 561 and 553 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.