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Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D. **Executive Director** Virginia Board of Optometry 6603 West Broad Street Richmond, VA 23230-1712

RE: 18 VAC 105-20-10 et seq. **Regulations Governing the Practice of Optometry** 18 VAC 105-30-10 et seq. Regulations for Certification of Optometrists to Use Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents

Dear Dr. Carter:

I have reviewed the proposed regulation, 18 VAC 105-20-10 et seq., in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, as adopted by the Board of Optometry at its meeting on January 21, 2005. The amended regulations that incorporate provisions for certification of optometrists to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents into Chapter 20 and the repeal of Chapter 30 are constitutional and in conformity with statutory provisions of Chapter 64 of the 2004 Acts of the Assembly.

Sincerely,

Emily O. Wingfield Assistant Attorney General

c: Elaine J. Yeatts, Agency Regulatory Coordinator Department of Health Professions