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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: BRIAN MCCORMICK

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FROM: REATHA B. KAY

Special Counsel to DMAS

**DATE:** March 19, 2006

SUBJECT: Proposed Regulations concerning Day Support Waiver for Individuals with

Mental Retardation ("Day Support Waiver")

I have reviewed the attached proposed regulations concerning the establishment of the Day Support Waiver.

Based on that review, it is this Office's view that the Director, acting on behalf of the Board pursuant to Va. Code § 32.1-324, has the authority to promulgate these regulations, subject to compliance with the provisions of Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act and has not exceeded that authority. The regulations will enable the Director, in lieu of the Board of Medical Assistance Services, to promulgate regulations to establish the Day Support Waiver. The changes were first made by the promulgation of emergency regulations.

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The authority for the previously promulgated emergency regulation is the 2005 Appropriation Act (2005 Virginia Acts of Assembly, Chapter 951) Item 326(LLL). These regulations will ensure that DMAS complies with this mandate of the General Assembly.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to call me at 786-1841.

cc: Kim F. Piner, Esquire

Attachment