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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Jack Barber, M.D.

Interim Commissioner

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

**FROM:** Karen A. Taylor

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**DATE:** August 18, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from

Providers Licensed, Funded, or Operated by the Department of Behavioral

Health and Developmental Services

12 VAC 35-115-10 et seq.

I have reviewed the amendments to the *Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers Licensed, Funded, or Operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services*, 12 VAC 35-115-10 et seq. The Board has the statutory authority to amend these Regulations under Virginia Code §§ 37.2-203 and 37.2-400. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.