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Effective May 1, 2021 the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Radiological Health instituted an exemption from Virginia Administrative Code 12VAC5-481-1591 (6) which exempts the gonadal shielding requirement for abdominal and pelvic x-rays as this shielding may interfere with the diagnostic area of interest. This exemption is in line with the National recommendation set forth by the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements in an issued Statement 13: NCRP. "NCRP Recommendations for Ending Routine Gonadal Shielding During Abdominal and Pelvic Radiography NCRP Statement No. 13, January 12, 2021."

This exemption shall expire upon the regulatory adoption of rules for the discontinued use of gonadal shielding for abdominal and pelvic x-rays which may interfere with the diagnostic area of interest.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (804) 864-8170 or by email at lea.perlas@vdh.virginia.gov

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