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May 6, 1999

Honorable Feather O. Houstoun, Secretary
Department of Public Welfare
333 Health & Welfare Building
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: IRRC Regulation #14-442 (#1927)
Department of Public Welfare
Child Residential and Day Treatment Facilities

Dear Secretary Houstoun:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its May 6, 1999 public meeting. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at <http://www.irrc.state.pa.us>.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

Alvin C. Bush
Vice Chairman

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Enclosure
cc: Karen E. Kroh
Bob Gioffre
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Commissioners Present:

Public Meeting Held May 6, 1999

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Department of Public Welfare
Child Residential and Day Treatment Facilities

Regulation No. 14-442

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

On February 4, 1998, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Public Welfare. This rulemaking adds 55 Pa. Code Chapter 3800. The authority for this regulation is found in Articles IX and X of the Public Welfare Code (62 P.S. §§ 901 - 922 and 1001 - 1080). The proposed regulation was published in the February 14, 1998 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period which was subsequently extended for an additional 30 days. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on April 8, 1999, but tolled on April 21, 1999. A revised final-form regulation was also submitted on April 21, 1999.

Chapter 3800 consolidates the licensing, health, and safety requirements for child residential and day treatment facilities currently found in Chapters 3680, 3710, 3760, 3810, 5310, and 6400. The regulation is intended to eliminate or reduce duplication and inconsistency among regulations that address children who are exposed to similar health and safety risks.

We have reviewed this regulation and find it to be in the public interest. The final-form will protect the health, safety and welfare of children receiving services from residential and day treatment facilities.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Regulation No. 14-442 from the Department of Public Welfare, as submitted to the Commission on April 21, 1999, is approved; and
2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau.



Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman

