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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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December 14, 2000

Honorable Robert H. Morrow, Chairperson
State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators
116 Pine Street
Harrisburg, PA 17105

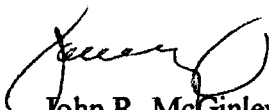
Re: Regulation #16A-623 (IRRC #1999)
State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators
Continuing Professional Education

Dear Chairperson Morrow:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on December 14, 2000. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at 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,


John R. McGinley, Jr.
Chairman
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Mario J. Civera, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable William W. Rieger, Democratic Chair, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Clarence D. Bell, Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Kim Pizzigrilli, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Albert H. Masland, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, Department of State
Martha Brown, Board Counsel, State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators
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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held December 14, 2000

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Regulation No. 16A-623
State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home
Administrators
Continuing Professional Education

On January 27, 1999, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code §§ 39.1, 39.11, 39.14, 39.31-39.65, and 39.72. The proposed regulation was published in the February 6, 1999 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 30, 2000. The regulation was tolled and simultaneously resubmitted on November 8, 2000, to correct references and minor typographical errors.

This regulation clarifies and revises the continuing education requirements for licensees. The Board requires that licensees complete 48 hours of continuing education to qualify for renewal of their licenses every two years. The regulation will require that most of the credit hours be in preapproved courses. The Board's records show that 1,930 persons hold active licenses in Pennsylvania.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 1104(c) and 1109(b)) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.





John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman