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December 14, 2000

James J. Irrgang, Chairperson
State Board of Physical Therapy
116 Pine Street
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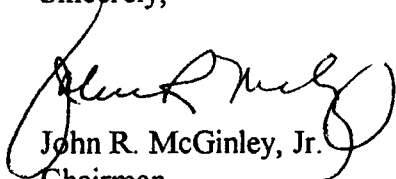
Re: Regulation #16A-655 (IRRC #2017)
State Board of Physical Therapy
Fees

Dear Chairperson Irrgang:

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
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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-655
State Board of Physical Therapy
Fees

On March 17, 1999, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Physical Therapy (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code §§ 40.5 and 40.153. The proposed regulation was published in the March 27, 1999 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 30, 2000.


In response to a recent audit, the Board is updating seven fees and adding two new fees to generate revenue to cover the actual costs of the services. One of the fees was reduced. The Board anticipates that approximately 4,750 individuals will utilize these services over the next two-year period. Total additional costs due to the fee increases will be \$40,750. Due to the decrease in one fee, the estimated cost reduction for that segment of the regulated community will be \$40,250. Only those requesting the enumerated services will be affected.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 1308(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