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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

June 7, 2001

Honorable Robert Zimmerman, Jr., Secretary  
Department of Health  
802 Health and Welfare Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17108

Re: Regulation #10-129 (IRRC #2034)  
Department of Health  
Head Injury Program

Dear Secretary Zimmerman:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on June 7, 2001.  
Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at [www.irrc.state.pa.us](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,

Robert E. Nyce  
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Dennis M. O'Brien, Majority Chairman, House Health and Human Services Committee  
Honorable Frank L. Oliver, Democratic Chairman, House Health and Human Services Committee  
Honorable Harold F. Mowery, Jr., Chairman, Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee  
Honorable Vincent J. Hughes, Minority Chairman, Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee  
Nia Wilson, Legal Counsel, House Health & Human Services Committee  
Stanley Mitchell, Chief Counsel, House Health & Human Services Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held June 7, 2001

John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman, by Proxy - Abstained  
Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman, by Phone  
Arthur Coccodrilli  
Robert J. Harbison, III, Acting Chairman  
John F. Mizner

Regulation No. 10-129  
Department of Health  
Head Injury Program

On April 27, 1999, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Health (Department). This rulemaking adds Chapter 4 to 28 Pa. Code. The proposed regulation was published in the May 22, 1999 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 3, 2001. On May 22, 2001, the Commission received a request from the Department to toll consideration of this final-form regulation to make minor clarifications. On May 24, 2001, the Department submitted its revisions to the final-form regulation to the Commission.


This final regulation sets forth rules governing the Department's Head Injury Program (HIP). It describes the type of services available, duration of services and eligibility criteria for applicants. Each individual who qualifies for the HIP will receive up to one year of rehabilitation services and 18 months of case management services.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (35 P.S. § 6934(e)) 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.



  
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Robert J. Harbison, III, Acting Chairman