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

October 19, 2000

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
State Board of Medicine  
116 Pine Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: IRRC Regulation #16A-499 (#2064)  
State Board of Medicine  
State Board of Nursing  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners  
Prescriptive Authority

Dear Chairman Hummer:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on October 19, 2000. 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,

Alvin C. Bush  
Vice 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 Pizzingrilli, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
David Williams, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, Department of State  
Herbert Abramson, Senior Counsel, Department of State  
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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held October 19, 2000

John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman, by proxy  
Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman  
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Regulation No. 16A-499  
State Board of Medicine and  
State Board of Nursing  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners  
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On September 17, 1999, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this joint proposed regulation from the State Board of Medicine and the State Board of Nursing (Boards). This rulemaking adds 49 Pa. Code Sections 18.53 to 18.57 and 21.283 to 21.287. The proposed regulation was published in the October 2, 1999 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 6, 2000. At our July 13, 2000 public meeting, the Commission voted to disapprove the final-form regulation. On September 11, 2000, the Boards notified the Commission of their intent to revise and resubmit the regulation. On October 2, 2000, the revised final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission.

This rulemaking sets forth the rules and procedures for Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners (CRNPs) to prescribe and dispense certain drugs. The regulation establishes education requirements, specifies categories of drugs CRNPs may and may not prescribe, requires collaborative agreements with physicians, specifies CRNP identification requirements and specifies physician supervision requirements.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Board of Medicine (63 P.S. § 422.15(b)) and the State Board of Nursing (63 P.S. § 212) 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 now in the public interest.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

This regulation, as revised, is approved.



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Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman