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

January 24, 2002

Honorable Richard Browdie, Secretary
Department of Aging
555 Walnut Street, 5th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Regulation #1-17 (IRRC #2077)
Department of Aging
Protective Services for Older Adults

Dear Secretary Browdie:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its public meeting on January 24, 2002. 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 meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alvin C. Bush".

Alvin C. Bush
Vice Chairman
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Jere Schuler, Majority Chairman, House Aging and Older Adult Services
Committee
Honorable Frank Pistella, Democratic Chairman, House Aging and Older Adult Services
Committee
Honorable Timothy F. Murphy, Chairman, Senate Aging and Youth Committee
Honorable Allen G. Kukovich, Minority Chairman, Senate Aging and Youth Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held January 24, 2002

John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman, by Phone
Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman
Arthur Coccodrilli, Dissenting
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Regulation No. 1-17
Department of Aging
Protective Services for Older Adults

On November 15, 1999, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Aging (Department). This rulemaking amends 6 Pa. Code Chapter 15. The proposed regulation was published in the November 27, 1999 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on December 27, 2001.

This regulation updates regulatory language to reflect changes in program terminology; clarifies definitions and text; implements criminal record checks for applicants; and mandates the reporting of suspected abuse at care-providing facilities. The final-form rulemaking is mandated by the Older Adults Protective Services Act, as amended by Acts 169 of 1996 and 13 of 1997.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (35 P.S. §§ 10225.101 – 10225.5102) 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.





Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman