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

October 19, 2000

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

Re: Regulation #10-161 (IRRC #2097)
Department of Health
WIC Program

Dear Secretary Zimmerman:

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.

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 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
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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held October 19, 2000

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Regulation No. 10-161
Department of Health
WIC Program

On February 9, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Health (Department). This rulemaking amends 28 Pa. Code Chapters 1101-1113. The proposed regulation was published in the February 19, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on September 18, 2000.

This rulemaking amends the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC Program). The amendments affect the authorization of stores, management of stores participating in the WIC Program and appeal procedures. The amendments implement changes mandated by federal regulations and changes suggested in comments the Department solicited in response to the Governor's Executive Order 1996-1.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (42 U.S.C. § 1786; 7 C.F.R. § 246.4) 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