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March 9, 2000

Honorable Feather O. Houstoun, Secretary
Department of Public Welfare
333 Health & Welfare Building
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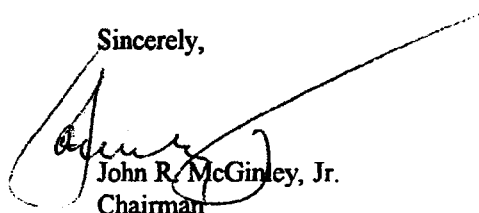
Re: IRRC Regulation #14-466 (#2099)
Department of Public Welfare
Subsidized Child Day Care Eligibility

Dear Secretary Houstoun:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its March 9, 2000 public meeting. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at <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,



John R. McGinley, Jr.
Chairman

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cc: Kathryn J. Holod
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Department of Public Welfare
Subsidized Child Day Care Eligibility

Regulation No. 14-466

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

On February 17, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the Department of Public Welfare (Department). This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code Chapters 168 and 3040. The authority for this regulation is 62 P.S §§ 201 - 211, 401 - 493 and 701 - 703, and 42 U.S.C.A. §§ 9858 - 9858q. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

The Department is expanding the opportunity for participation in the subsidized child day care program. It is increasing the initial income limits for a family's eligibility for subsidized child day care from 185 to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. The regulation also decreases certain co-payment levels, reduces income reporting requirements, and expands eligibility provisions for teen parents living in their parents' homes.

This regulation meets the criteria of the Regulatory Review Act.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Regulation No. 14-466 from the Department of Public Welfare, as submitted to the Commission on February 17, 2000, is approved; and
2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau.


John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman