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April 10, 2000

Mr. John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. McGinley,

The Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP), on behalf of its members (more than 225 acute and specialty hospitals and health systems in the Commonwealth), appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Department of Public Welfare's (DPW) final-omitted rulemaking eliminating the physician attestation requirement (Reg. No. 14-465).

HAP strongly supports the DPW's decision to eliminate the requirement of the physician attestation statement. HAP has been actively working for some time toward the elimination of this requirement since the federal Medicare program did the same in October, 1995. The hospitals and health systems in Pennsylvania will be pleased that this administrative burden under the Pennsylvania Medical Assistance Program will finally be removed.

If you have any questions about our position, please contact Thomas A. Peifer, Director, Billing and Claims Management, HAP, at (717) 561-5316 or via email at tpeifer@hap2000.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula A. Bussard".

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