

Pennsylvania Health Information Management Association

April 7, 2000

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Dear Mr. Nyce:

RE: No. 2103 Department of Public Welfare #14-465: Elimination of Physician Attestation Requirement

I am writing on behalf of the Pennsylvania Health Information Management Association (PHIMA) membership. Many of our 1700 members work in the medical records departments of acute care hospitals in Pennsylvania. At present, attesting physician signatures are obtained on attestation statements prior to submitting claims for payment to Medicaid. This bureaucratic requirement places an undue burden on hospital staff with no positive impact.

A similar signature requirement was eliminated by HCFA for the Medicare program on January 20, 1995. In September 1996, a survey conducted by the American Health Information Management Association revealed that Pennsylvania was the only state Medicaid program still requiring a signed attestation for reimbursement.

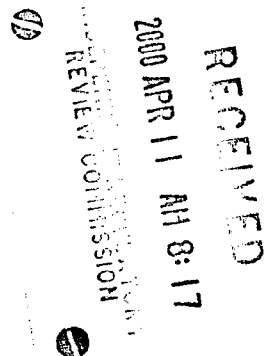
We strongly urge the IRRC to approve the elimination of the Medicaid attestation signature requirement at its meeting on April 13, 2000.

I may be reached at 215.707.4822 if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Chair

Cc: Dave Schneck, PHIMA President; Ann Barnett, DPW





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Thank you.