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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 333 Market Street, 14th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101

May 11, 2000

James J. Irrgang, Chairman State Board of Physical Therapy 116 Pine Street Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: IRRC Regulation #16A-657 (IRRC #2108) State Board of Physical Therapy Fees

Dear Chairman Irrgang:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its May 11, 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,

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State Board of Physical Therapy Fees

Regulation No. 16A-657

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

On April 13, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the State Board of Physical Therapy (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Section 40.5. The authority for this regulation is Section 8 of the Physical Therapy Act (63 P.S. § 1308) and Section 812.1 of the Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S. § 279.3a). Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

The regulation revises fees for the physical therapist and the physical therapy assistant examinations. The fee revisions are necessary to reflect a new contract with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, which will take effect on July 1, 2000. Total additional costs to the regulated community will be \$100 per person. Only those sitting for the licensure examination will be affected.

This regulation meets the criteria of the Regulatory Review Act.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Regulation No. 16A-657 from the State Board of Physical Therapy, as submitted to the Commission on April 13, 2000, is approved; and
- 2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau

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