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

December 20, 2001

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

Re: Regulation #10-156 (IRRC #2119)
Department of Health
Reporting of Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases

Dear Secretary Zimmerman:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on December 20, 2001. 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 meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,


John R. McGinley, Jr.

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
Nia Wilson, Legal Counsel, House Health and Human Services Committee
Stanley Mitchell, Chief Counsel, House Health and Human Services Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held December 20, 2001

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Regulation No. 10-156
Department of Health
Reporting of Communicable and
Noncommunicable Diseases

On May 17, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Health. This rulemaking amends 28 Pa. Code, Chapters 27 and 211. The proposed regulation was published in the May 27, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on November 26, 2001.

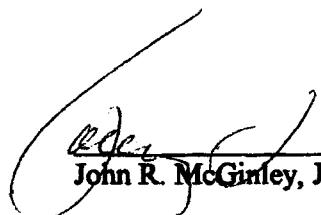
This rulemaking updates the existing reporting system for disease prevention and control within Pennsylvania. These amendments will affect numerous types, including: health care providers, health care practitioners, health care facilities, clinical laboratories and child care group settings.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department of Health (35 P.S. §§ 521.16(a)) 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.





John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman