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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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November 21, 2002

Honorable Feather O. Houstoun, Secretary
Department of Public Welfare
333 Health and Welfare Building
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #14-452 (IRRC #2122)
Department of Public Welfare
Early Intervention Services

Dear Secretary Houstoun:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation today. 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,

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John R. McGinley, Jr.

Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable George T. Kenney, Jr., 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 November 21, 2002

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Regulation No. 14-452
Department of Public Welfare
Early Intervention Services

On May 23, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Public Welfare (Department). This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code by adding Chapter 4226 and deleting Chapter 4225. The proposed regulation was published in the June 3, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 150-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 24, 2002.

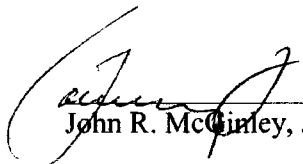
This final-form regulation codifies procedures and standards for providing early intervention services to children under age three who receive services from the County Mental Health and Mental Retardation programs. Mandated by Act 212 of 1990, the regulation sets forth a county's responsibilities for early intervention services.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department of Public Welfare (11 P.S. §§ 875-101 – 875-503) 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