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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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May 3, 2001

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

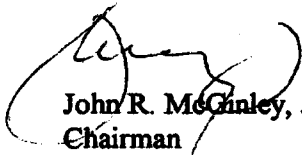
Re: Regulation #10-162 (IRRC #2142)
Department of Health
School Immunization

Dear Secretary Zimmerman:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on May 3, 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 met 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
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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held May 3, 2001

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Regulation No. 10-162
Department of Health
School Immunization

On August 23, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Health (Department). This rulemaking amends 28 Pa. Code § 23.83. The proposed regulation was published in the September 2, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on April 9, 2001.

This regulation is an update and revision of existing regulations mandating immunizations for school entry and attendance. The primary modifications are adding the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine to the list of required immunizations and requiring the hepatitis B vaccine for entry into seventh grade.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (24 P.S. § 13-1303a, 35 P.S. §§ 521.16(a), (b), and 630.3, and 71 P.S. §§ 532(g) and 541(b), (c.1)) 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