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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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December 14, 2000

Honorable M. Diane Koken, Commissioner
Insurance Department
1326 Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120

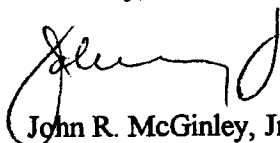
Re: Regulation #11-205 (IRRC #2152)
Insurance Department
Medicare Supplement Insurance Minimum Standards

Dear Commissioner Koken:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on December 14, 2000. 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 Nicholas A. Micozzie, Majority Chairman, House Insurance Committee
Honorable Anthony DeLuca, Democratic Chairman, House Insurance Committee
Honorable Edwin G. Holl, Chairman, Senate Banking and Insurance Committee
Honorable Jay Costa, Jr., Minority Chairman, Senate Banking and Insurance Committee
Pete Salvatore, Regulatory Coordinator, Insurance Department

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held: December 14, 2000

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Regulation No.11-205
Insurance Department
Medicare Supplement Insurance Minimum
Standards

On October 3, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the Insurance Department (Department). This rulemaking amends 31 Pa. Code Chapter 89. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. On October 31, 2000, the Department withdrew the rulemaking. On November 6, 2000, the Department submitted a revised rulemaking to the Commission.

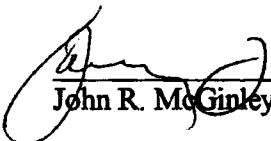
The Department is amending its regulations to comply with new federal requirements in the Social Security Act, the Balanced Budget Act of 1999 and the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act. Additionally, it conforms to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners revised model regulation. These amendments are mandated by federal law.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (71 P.S. § 186) 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