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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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October 18, 2001

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

Re: Regulation #14-453 (IRRC #2219)
Department of Public Welfare
Outpatient Drug and Alcohol Clinic Services

Dear Secretary Houstoun:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on October 18, 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,


Alvin C. Bush

Vice Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Dennis M. O'Brien, Majority Chairman, House Health & Human Services Committee
Honorable Frank L. Oliver, Democratic Chairman, House Health & Human Services Committee
Honorable Harold F. Mowery, Chairman, Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee
Honorable Vincent J. Hughes, Minority Chairman, Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee
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Stanley Mitchell, Chief Counsel, House Health & Human Services Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held October 18, 2001

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Regulation No.14-453

Department of Public Welfare

Outpatient Drug and Alcohol Clinic Services

On September 18, 2001, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the Department of Public Welfare. This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code §§ 1223.2, 1223.14 and 1223.41. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

This final-omitted regulation codifies a Notice of Rule Change (NORC) that was originally published on March 7, 1998. The regulation updates the Medical Assistance participation requirements policy for drug and alcohol clinics to maintain consistency with the licensing provisions of the Department of Health. It also deletes out-of-date references.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department of Public Welfare (62 P.S. § 403(b)) 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.



Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman