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

February 21, 2002

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

Re: Regulation #11-208 (IRRC #2220)
Insurance Department
Long-Term Care Insurance Form and Rate Filings

Dear Commissioner Koken:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on February 21, 2002. 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 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 Jack Wagner, Minority Chairman, Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held February 21, 2002

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Regulation No. 11-208
Insurance Department
Long-Term Care Insurance Form
and Rate Filings

On September 25, 2001, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Insurance Department (Department). This rulemaking deletes Subchapter M (§§ 89.901 - 89.921) and adds Chapter 89a to Title 31 Pa. Code. The proposed regulation was published in the October 6, 2001, *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on January 23, 2002. On February 8, 2002, the Commission received a request from the Department to toll consideration of this final-form regulation to modify one sentence. Also on February 8, 2002, the Department submitted its revision to the final-form regulation to the Commission.

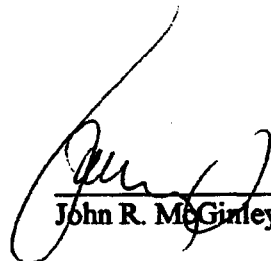
The Department is replacing its existing long-term care insurance regulations with a new chapter that revises rate-filing requirements and required disclosure notices. It addresses areas related to the impact of rate increases and adequate disclosure of the terms and conditions of long-term care insurance policies.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Insurance Department (40 P.S. § 991.1112) 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