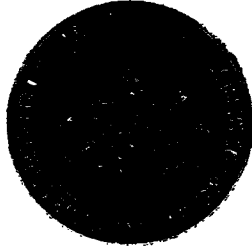


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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

August 8, 2002

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

Re: Regulation #14-472 (IRRC #2224)
Department of Public Welfare
TANF Program

Dear Secretary Houstoun:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on August 8, 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 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

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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held August 8, 2002

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Regulation No. 14-472
Department of Public Welfare
TANF Program

On October 2, 2001, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Public Welfare (Department). This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code Chapters 105, 123, 125, 133, 140, 141, 145, 151, 153, 165, 177, 178, 181, 183, 187 and 281. The proposed regulation was published in the October 20, 2001, *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on July 8, 2002.

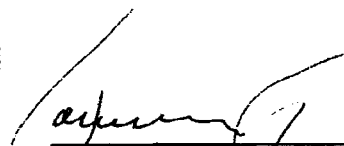
This regulation replaces the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program with rules for the Federally authorized Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and includes changes to the General Assistance, Medical Assistance and Food Stamp programs.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (62 P.S. §§ 201(2) and 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.





John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman