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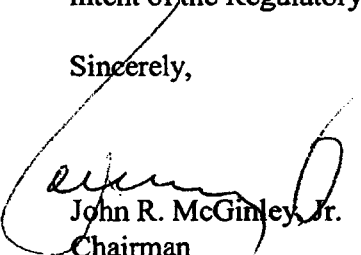
Re: Regulation #16A-5115 (IRRC #2231)
State Board of Nursing
Oral Orders

Dear Ms. Shields:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our Order is enclosed and will be 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 Thomas P. Gannon, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable William W. Rieger, Democratic Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Robert M. Tomlinson, Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 20, 2003

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Regulation No.16A-5115
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On November 14, 2001, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Nursing. This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 21. The proposed regulation was published in the December 1, 2001, *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 8, 2003.

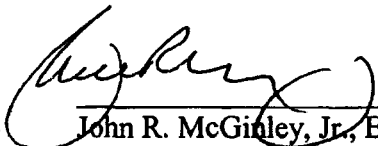
This regulation allows licensed practical nurses (LPNs) to accept oral orders in accordance with the policy of the facility. This regulation also amends existing regulations to clarify that both professional nurses and LPNs can administer drugs. Finally, it removes the reference to "a licensed doctor of the healing arts" as the sole prescriber of drugs.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Board of Nursing (63 P.S. § 667.6) 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., Esq., Chairman