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

September 12, 2002

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

Re: Regulation #14-474 (IRRC #2244)  
Department of Public Welfare  
Redetermining Eligibility, General Eligibility  
Provisions and Income

Dear Secretary Houstoun:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation today. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at [www.irrc.state.pa.us](http://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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alvin C. Bush".

Alvin C. Bush  
Vice 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  
Honorable Vincent J. Hughes, Minority Chairman, Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee  
Nia Wilson, Legal Counsel, House Health and Human Services Committee  
Stanley Mitchell, Chief Counsel, House Health and Human Services Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held September 12, 2002

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Regulation No. 14-474  
Department of Public Welfare  
Redetermining Eligibility, General  
Eligibility Provisions and Income

On January 16, 2002, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Public Welfare (Department). This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code Chapters 133, 141, 165, 183 and 187, and adds Chapter 281. The proposed regulation was published in the January 26, 2002 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on August 12, 2002.


This regulation establishes the "Extended Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (ETANF)." ETANF provides additional assistance for families who have exhausted their 60-month TANF allowance. Requirements for eligibility have also been established for families to receive General Assistance when their 60-month TANF benefits expire and the family is not eligible for ETANF.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department of Public Welfare (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.



  
Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman