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

October 24, 2002

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

Re: Regulation #11-212 (IRRC #2292)
Insurance Department
Medicare Supplement Insurance Minimum Standards

Dear Commissioner Koken:

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.

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 black ink, appearing to read "John R. McGinley, Jr.", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

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: October 24, 2002

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Regulation No. 11-212
Insurance Department
Medicare Supplement Insurance
Minimum Standards

On September 13, 2002, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the Insurance Department (Department). This rulemaking amends 31 Pa. Code Chapter 89. On October 2, 2002, the Commission received a request from the Department to toll consideration of this final-omitted regulation to correct three drafting errors and clarify a reference to a federal agency. On October 10, 2002, the Department submitted its revisions to the final-omitted regulation to the Commission. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.


The Department is amending its regulations to comply with federal requirements in the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000. The amendments conform to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners revised model regulation. Federal law mandates these amendments.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (71 P.S. § 186) 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