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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 333 Market Street, 14th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101

December 12, 2002

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

Re: Regulation #14-480 (IRRC #2315) Department of Public Welfare Invoicing for Services

Dear Secretary Houstoun:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation today. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at <u>www.irrc.state.pa.us</u>.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

here John'R. McGinley, Jr. Chairman wbg 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

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held December 12, 2002

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Regulation No. 14-480 Department of Public Welfare Invoicing for Services

On November 4, 2002, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the Department of Public Welfare (Department). This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code Chapter 1101. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

This final-omitted regulation specifies the time frame nursing facility providers and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded providers have to submit original invoices. It also amends the time frame these facilities have to submit claim adjustments and resubmit rejected claims. The amendments will make the time frames consistent with other Medical Assistance provider types.

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