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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harristown 2  
333 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman McGinley:

I am writing to inform you that the House Professional Licensure Committee held a meeting on September 30, 2003.

The Committee voted to approve Regulation 16A-446, State Board of Podiatry.

The Committee voted to take no formal action on Regulation 16A-5116, State Board of Nursing, until final form regulations are promulgated. However, the Committee submits the following comment:

The Committee notes the concerns of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners (PCNP) regarding the \$75 fee for additional collaborative agreements. PCNP notes that the proposed rule is unclear as to what would constitute a new collaborative agreement. PCNP states that CRNPs working in environments such as emergency rooms, outpatient clinics, hospitals and health care clinics sponsored by various agencies will have regular changes in collaborative physicians that would require frequent resubmissions of collaborative agreements to the Board. In many instances, the only change to the agreement would be the name of the collaborating physician. The Committee notes that prescriptive collaborative agreements must comply with the requirements of 49 Pa.Code 21.285(b). However, PNCP asserts that the Board may be conducting more extensive and time consuming evaluations of collaborative agreements than is required by law, unnecessarily inflating the Board's costs for providing the service. Finally, the Committee notes that the Board has not identified any other state that charges a corresponding fee. In light of these concerns and the potential hardship to CRNPs, the Committee requests a detailed explanation as to the rationale for charging the fee, and whether or not the amount of the fee should be re-evaluated.

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The Committee voted to take no formal action on Regulation 16A-5211, State Board of Optometry until final form regulations are promulgated.

Please feel free to contact my office if any questions should arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas P. Gannon".

Thomas P. Gannon, Chairman  
House Professional Licensure Committee

TPG/sjh  
Enclosures

cc: George D. Sinclair, Chairman  
State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers  
James O. Pinkerton, FD, Chairman  
State Board of Funeral Directors  
Brian V. Harpster, V.M.D., Chairman  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Department of State