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Jeffrey S. Gerland, D.P.M., Chairman
State Board of Podiatry
2601 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-446 (IRRC #2316)
State Board of Podiatry
Continuing Education

Dear Chairman Gerland:

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,

Robert E. Nyce
Executive Director

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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 October 23, 2003

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Regulation No. 16A-446
State Board of Podiatry
Continuing Education

On November 7, 2002, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Podiatry (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 29. The proposed regulation was published in the November 23, 2002, *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. Pursuant to Section 5(e) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. § 745.5(e)), the Department resubmitted the proposed regulation on January 29, 2003. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on September 16, 2003.

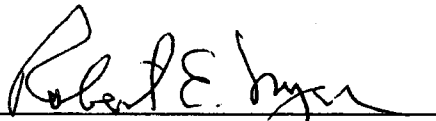
This regulation establishes the Council on Podiatric Medical Education as a preapproved continuing education course provider. It also adds two fees, revises continuing education requirements, authorizes disciplinary action and allows for waivers of continuing education requirements for serious illness or hardship.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 42.9 and 42.15) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all 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.




Robert E. Nyce, Executive Director