



**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
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Thomas F. Matta, Ph.D., Chairperson  
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and  
Family Therapists and Professional Counselors  
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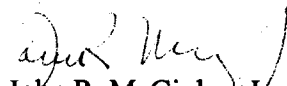
Re: Regulation #16A-696 (IRRC #2319)  
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and  
Family Therapists and Professional Counselors  
Exemption From Licensure Examination

Dear Chairperson Matta:

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,



John R. McGinley, Jr.

Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Mario J. Civera, Jr., 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 Benjamin Ramos, Acting Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held February 27, 2003

John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman  
Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman, by Phone  
Arthur Coccodrilli  
Robert J. Harbison, III  
Murray Ufberg, Abstaining

Regulation No. 16A-696  
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and  
Family Therapists and Professional Counselors  
Exemption From Licensure Examination

On January 29, 2003, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 49. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

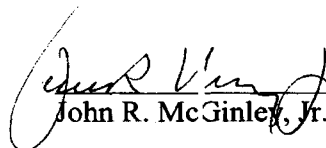
This final-omitted regulation authorizes a professional counselor license to be issued without examination to an applicant who demonstrates he or she holds the Master Addiction Counselor credential from the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 1906(6) and 1909(c)(1)) 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.



  
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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman