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333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

July 29, 2004

James J. Irrgang, Chairman
State Board of Physical Therapy
2601 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-659 (IRRC #2327)
State Board of Physical Therapy
General Provisions

Dear Chairman Irrgang:

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,

Alvin C. Bush
Vice Chairman
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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 July 29, 2004

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Regulation No. 16A-659
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On February 12, 2003, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Physical Therapy (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 40. The proposed regulation was published in the April 5, 2003 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 17, 2004.


This regulation amends the Board's existing regulations relating to physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. The amendments relate to education and licensure requirements; scope of practice, non-delegable activities and functions; and editorial revisions.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 1303(a)) 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.





Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman