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June 10, 2004

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

Re: Regulation #16A-6510 (IRRC #2369)  
State Board of Physical Therapy  
Certificate of Authorization

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](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,

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 June 10, 2004

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Regulation No. 16A-6510  
State Board of Physical Therapy  
Certificate of Authorization

On November 12, 2003, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Physical Therapy. This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 40. The proposed regulation was published in the November 22, 2003 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 7, 2004.

This regulation implements Act 6 of 2002 by allowing qualified physical therapists to practice without a physician's referral in certain situations. It also establishes related fees and continuing education requirements.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Board of Physical Therapy (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.



  
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Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman