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April 19, 2006

Edward J. Bechtel, R.Ph., Chairperson
State Board of Pharmacy
2601 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-5410 (IRRC #2405)
State Board of Pharmacy
Technology and Automation

Dear Chairperson Bechtel:

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,



John R. McGinley Jr., Esq.

Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: 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 Thomas P. Gannon, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable William W. Rieger, Democratic Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held April 19, 2006

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Regulation No. 16A-5410
State Board of Pharmacy
Technology and Automation

On June 8, 2004, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Pharmacy. This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 27. The proposed regulation was published in the June 19, 2004 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on March 16, 2006.

This regulation permits electronic transmission and storage of prescriptions and also sets standards for centralized prescription processing and automated medication systems.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Board of Pharmacy (63 P.S. § 390-4(j)) 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.





John R. McGinley, Jr., Esq., Chairman