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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
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April 19, 2006

S. Ronald Miller, D.P.M., Chairman  
State Board of Podiatry  
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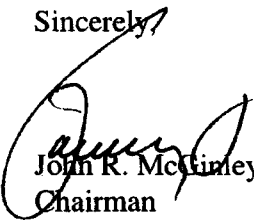
Re: Regulation #16A-447 (IRRC #2424)  
State Board of Podiatry  
Professional Liability Insurance

Dear Chairman Miller:

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,

  
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-447  
State Board of Podiatry  
Professional Liability Insurance

On August 23, 2004, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Podiatry. This rulemaking amends Pa. Code 49 §§ 29.51-29.54. The proposed regulation was published in the September 4, 2004 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on March 16, 2006.

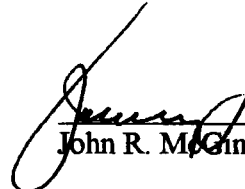
This final-form regulation eliminates references to the repealed Health Care Services Malpractice Act and replaces them with references to the Medical Care Availability and Reduction Effort Act and clarifies that a podiatrist must carry liability insurance.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Board of Podiatry (63 P.S. § 42.15) 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., Esq., Chairman