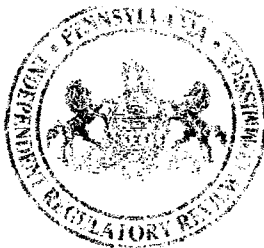


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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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April 19, 2006

Joanne L. Sorensen, RN, MS, Chairman
State Board of Nursing
2601 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-5119 (IRRC #2426)
State Board of Nursing
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Program Approval

Dear Chairman Sorensen:

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-5119
State Board of Nursing
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
Program Approval

On August 23, 2004, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Nursing (Board). This rulemaking adds Sections 21.361- 21.377 to Chapter 21 of Title 49 Pa. Code. 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 February 23, 2006.

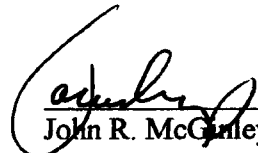
This regulation sets forth the procedures and standards for evaluating and approving educational programs for certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNPs). Act 206 of 2002 amended the Professional Nursing Law and repealed sections of the Medical Practice Act to give exclusive jurisdiction over CRNPs to the Board.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 216.1) 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.





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