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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

May 12, 2005

Honorable Estelle B. Richman, Secretary
Department of Public Welfare
333 Health and Welfare Building
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #14-489 (IRRC #2429)
Department of Public Welfare
Subsidized Child Care Eligibility

Dear Secretary Richman:

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 Jake Corman, Chairman, Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
Honorable Vincent J. Hughes, Minority Chairman, Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
Honorable Jerry Birmelin, Majority Chairman, House Children and Youth Committee
Honorable Michael C. Gruitza, Democratic Chairman, House Children and Youth Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held: May 12, 2005

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Regulation No. 14-489
Department of Public Welfare
Subsidized Child Care Eligibility

On August 31, 2004, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Public Welfare (Department). This rulemaking deletes Chapter 3040 from 55 Pa. Code and adds Chapter 3041. The proposed regulation was published in the September 11, 2004 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on April 7, 2005.

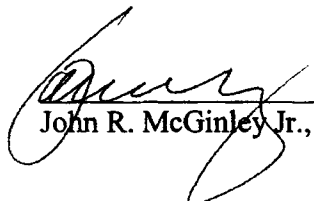
This regulation amends the eligibility requirements for families seeking subsidized child care benefits.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (62 P.S. §§ 701-703) 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