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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
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May 18, 2006

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

Re: Regulation #16A-5412 (IRRC #2437)  
State Board of Pharmacy  
Drug Therapy and Injectable Medications, Biologicals and Immunizations

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](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  
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 May 18, 2006

Alvin C. Bush, Chairman  
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Regulation No. 16A-5412  
State Board of Pharmacy  
Drug Therapy and Injectable Medications,  
Biologicals and Immunizations

On September 29, 2004, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Pharmacy (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 27. The proposed regulation was published in the October 9, 2004 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on April 13, 2006.

This regulation implements Act 102 of 2002 which expanded the practice of pharmacy to include drug therapy management and drug administration. The regulation establishes the requirements, standards and procedures for pharmacists to qualify for the authority to administer medications. It also sets forth continuing education requirements and the content requirements for written protocols between physicians and pharmacists.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 390-4(f), 390-6(k)(1) and (9), 390-9.1(e) and 390-9.2(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, Chairman