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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
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March 1, 2007

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
State Board of Medicine  
2601 North 3rd Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-4919 (IRRC #2455)  
State Board of Medicine  
Registration and Practice of Acupuncturists

Dear Chairman Hummer:

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,

Arthur Coccodrilli

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 P. Michael Sturla, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable William F. Adolph, Jr., Minority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held March 1, 2007

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Regulation No. 16A-4919 (#2455)  
State Board of Medicine  
Registration and Practice of Acupuncturists

On February 2, 2005, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Medicine (Board). This rulemaking amends Chapters 16 and 18 of Title 49 Pa. Code. The proposed regulation was published in the February 12, 2005 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on February 5, 2007.

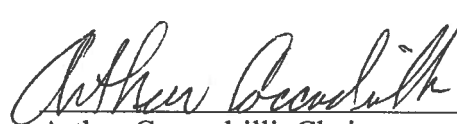
This final-form rulemaking aligns existing acupuncture regulations with Act 49 of 2002 amendments to the Acupuncture Registration Act. It eliminates the requirement that acupuncturists practice under the general supervision of a physician, expands the practice of acupuncture to include supplemental techniques and creates the registration category of practitioner of oriental medicine.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 1803(b)) 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.



  
Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman