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

October 19, 2006

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

Re: Regulation #16A-4916 (IRRC #2505)
State Board of Medicine
Physician Assistants

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.irc.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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alvin C. Bush".

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 October 19, 2006

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Regulation No. 16A-4916 (#2505)
State Board of Medicine
Physician Assistants

On October 26, 2005, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Medicine (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapters 16 and 18. The proposed regulation was published in the November 5, 2005 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on September 15, 2006.

This regulation reduces restrictions in existing regulations governing the relationship between physician assistants and supervising physicians.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 422.13) 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.





Alvin C. Bush, Chairman