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

April 17, 2008

Honorable Estelle B. Richman, Secretary
Department of Public Welfare
333 Health and Welfare Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Regulation #14-506 (IRRC #2539)
Department of Public Welfare
Child Care Facilities

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,

Arthur Coccodrilli

Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Ted B. Erickson, Chairman, Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
Honorable Vincent J. Hughes, Minority Chairman, Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
Honorable Louise Williams Bishop, Majority Chairman, House Children and Youth Committee
Honorable Carole A. Rubley, Minority Chairman, House Children and Youth Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held April 17, 2008

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Regulation No. 14-506 (#2539)
Department of Public Welfare
Child Care Facilities

On May 23, 2006, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Public Welfare (Department). This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code Chapters 3270, 3280 and 3290, and deletes Chapter 3300. The proposed regulation was published in the June 3, 2006 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on March 10, 2008.

This regulation updates and revises requirements and standards for child day care providers including protections for children with special needs.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (62 P.S. §§ 901-922 and 1001-1087) 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