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

November 30, 2006

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

Re: Regulation #14-505 (IRRC #2549)
Department of Public Welfare
Child Care

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
Acting Chairman
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Enclosure

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 30, 2006

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Regulation No. 14-505 (#2549)
Department of Public Welfare
Child Care

On June 19, 2006, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Public Welfare (Department). This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code Chapter 168. The proposed regulation was published in the July 1, 2006 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on November 8, 2006.


This regulation is a comprehensive update of an existing chapter governing child care subsidies for families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits, and extends these subsidies to families receiving General Assistance and Food Stamp benefits.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (62 P.S. §§ 201(2) and 403(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, Acting Chairman