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

August 21, 2008

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

Re: Regulation #14-504 (IRRC #2552) Department of Public Welfare Licensure/Approval Appeal Procedure

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,

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Chairman wbg 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 Frank L. Oliver, Majority Chairman, House Health and Human Services Committee

Honorable George T. Kenney, Jr., Minority Chairman, House Health and Human Services Committee

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held August 21, 2008

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman Karen A. Miller John F. Mizner, Esq. Regulation No. 14-504 (#2552) Department of Public Welfare Licensure/Approval Appeal Procedure

On June 20, 2006, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Public Welfare. This rulemaking amends 55 PA Code Chapters 20, 1181, 2380, 2390, 3130, 3140, 3270, 3280, 3290, 3680, 3700, 6400 and 6590. The proposed regulation was published in the July 8, 2006 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on July 21, 2008.

This regulation adopts the General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure (1 Pa. Code Part II) for use in Department of Public Welfare certification appeals.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department of Public Welfare (2 Pa. C.S. §§ 501-508 and §§ 701-704; 62 P.S. §§ 921 and 1021) 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