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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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July 19, 2007

Ellen L. Kolodner, Chairman
State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure
2601 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-676 (IRRC #2567)
State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure
Orders

Dear Chairman Kolodner:

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 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 July 19, 2007

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman
David J. DeVries, Esq.
John F. Mizner, Esq., by Proxy

Regulation No. 16A-676 (#2567)
State Board of Occupational Therapy
Education and Licensure
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On September 20, 2006, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code § 42.25. The proposed regulation was published in the September 30, 2006 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 7, 2007.

The regulation clarifies the procedures for occupational therapists accepting written or oral orders from physicians, optometrists or podiatrists.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 1505(b) and 1514) 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