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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 333 Market Street, 14th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101

October 18, 2007

Honorable Calvin B. Johnson, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary Department of Health 802 Health and Welfare Building Harrisburg, PA 17108

Re: Regulation #10-182 (IRRC #2577) Department of Health Sexual Assault Victim Emergency Services

Dear Secretary Johnson:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our order is enclosed and will be available on our website at <u>www.irrc.state.pa.us</u>.

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 wbg Enclosure cc: Honorable Ted

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 October 18, 2007

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman David J. DeVries, Esq. John F. Mizner, Esq., Abstaining Regulation No. 10-182 (#2577) Department of Health Sexual Assault Victim Emergency Services

On October 11, 2006, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Health (Department). This rulemaking amends 28 Pa. Code Chapters 101 and 117. The proposed regulation was published in the October 21, 2006 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on September 17, 2007.

This final-form rulemaking adds minimum requirements for the treatment of sexual assault victims by hospitals.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (35 P.S. §§ 448.601(a), 448.801a and 448.803(1)) 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