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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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July 19, 2007

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

Re: Regulation #14-511 (IRRC #2615)
Department of Public Welfare
Inpatient Hospital Services

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 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 July 19, 2007

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Regulation No. 14-511 (#2615)
Department of Public Welfare
Inpatient Hospital Services

On June 5, 2007, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the Department of Public Welfare (Department). This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code § 1163.66. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

This regulation limits the Department's payment of Medicare cost-sharing amounts for inpatient hospital services rendered to dual eligible Medical Assistance recipients in the same manner as the Department's payments of Medicare cost-sharing payments for all other services.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (62 P.S. §§ 201 and 443.1) 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