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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
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July 10, 2008

Michael J. DeStefano, Chairman  
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional Counselors  
2601 North Third Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-6915 (IRRC #2638)  
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional Counselors  
Biennial Renewal Fees

Dear Chairman DeStefano:

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](http://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 10, 2008

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
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Karen A. Miller

Regulation No. 16A-6915 (#2638)  
State Board of Social Workers,  
Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional  
Counselors  
Biennial Renewal Fees

On September 19, 2007, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional Counselors (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 47. The proposed regulation was published in the September 29, 2007 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 2, 2008.


This regulation increases the biennial renewal fees for licensed social workers, clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 1918(c)) 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.



  
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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman