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## INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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September 17, 2009

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

Re: Regulation #14-510 (IRRC #2655)  
Department of Public Welfare  
Payment for Burial and Cremation

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](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 Ted B. Erickson, Majority 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 Matthew E. Baker, Minority Chairman, House Health and Human Services  
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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held September 17, 2009

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Regulation No. 14-510 (#2655)  
Department of Public Welfare  
Payment for Burial and Cremation

On November 29, 2007, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Public Welfare (Department). This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code Chapter 1251, adds Chapter 283 and deletes Chapter 285. The proposed regulation was published in the December 15, 2007 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on July 28, 2009.

The regulation increases the payment to funeral directors for funeral-related expenses from \$350 to \$750 for all eligible individuals receiving specific forms of public assistance. This increase codifies a Notice of Rule Change that was published by the Department in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on June 10, 2000. New provisions in the regulation also afford flexibility in the selection of related services.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (62 P.S. §§ 201(2) and 403(b)) 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