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November 14, 2008

The Honorable Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 14th Floor, Harristown 2, 333 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Final Regulation

State Board of Medicine

16A-4926: Nurse-Midwife Prescriptive Authority

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

On November 3, 2008, the State Board of Medicine delivered the referenced final rulemaking package. Due to concerns expressed by the House Professional Licensure Committee, the Board is tolling the review period of the Committees and the Commission to make revisions to the final form rulemaking, as recommended by the HPLC.

The Board intends to submit revisions on November 17, 2008.

Sincerely,

Ollice Bates, Jr., MD, Chairperson State Board of Medicine

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