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Subject: RE: PA State Board of Pharmacy Final Form Regulation #16A-5417 (IRRC# 2662): "Continuing Education"

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION
The Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association supports all four components outlined in this final regulation as drafted.

- 1) The acronym for ACPE must be changed to accurately reflect the accrediting group
- 2) We believe that 6 months is a reasonable amount of time to allow some one to "make-up" a deficit in the number of continuing education hours accumulated.
- 3) We support the inclusion of two hours of the thirty hours biennial continuing education requirement be in the topic area of patient safety.
- 4) Requiring continuing education programs offered outside of the ACPE credential be approved 60 days in advance by the Board is reasonable and necessary.

We urge the final approval of this regulation: #16A-5417 – "Continuing Education."

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From: Totino, Michaele [mailto:mtotino@IRRC.STATE.PA.US]
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The PA State Board of Pharmacy (Board) has submitted the final regulation entitled "Continuing Education."

IRRC plans to meet and act on this regulation at our public meeting at 10:30am on Thursday, December 3, 2009. The Agenda and any changes to the time or date of the meeting, will be posted on IRRC's website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

Please note that any comments should be submitted to the Board prior to the 48 hour black-out period, which begins at 10:30am on Tuesday, December 1, 2009. Please provide IRRC with a copy of any comments submitted as well. Please note that all correspondence and documents relating to a regulation submitted to IRRC are a matter of public record and appear on our website.

For a copy of the regulation or if you have any substantive questions regarding the regulation, please contact the Board at (717) 783-7200. You can also download the final-form regulation from our website, using the following link:

<http://www.irrc.state.pa.us/Regulations/RegInfo.cfm?IRRCNo=2662>

If you have any questions regarding the regulatory review process, our website can also be helpful in providing you with this information. In addition, please don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

Thank you.

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