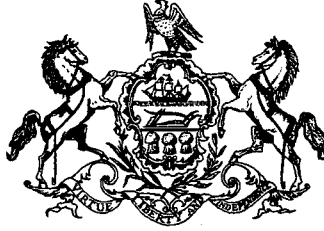


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Mr. Kim Kaufman
Executive Director
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RE: Proposed Regulation 16A-4924
State Board of Medicine
Acupuncture Registration

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

The House Professional Licensure Committee on this date voted to take no formal action on Regulation 16A-4924 until final regulation is promulgated and submit the following comments:

1. The regulation requires a physician, dentist or podiatrist to diagnose a condition past 60 calendar days of acupuncture treatment. The committee would like to know if a diagnosis is the only requirement, or if it is intended that a physician, dentist or podiatrist give permission for continued acupuncture treatment.
2. The committee respectfully questions whether or not the provision regarding therapeutic herbs in §18.15(a)(7) is better placed §18.15a(b). Section 18.15a specifically addresses authorization of use of herbal therapy by Oriental medicine practitioners and acupuncturists. Since herbal therapy is outside the scope of acupuncturists, the section referring to herbal therapy and billing for herbal therapies would be better served in §18.15a.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Michael Sturla".

P. Michael Sturla
Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee