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## INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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April 22, 2010

Honorable Harriet Dichter, Secretary  
Department of Public Welfare  
333 Health and Welfare Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Regulation #14-513 (IRRC #2713)  
Department of Public Welfare  
Family Violence and TANF and GA; and Support From Relatives Not Living With the  
Client

Dear Secretary Dichter:

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 Patricia H. Vance, 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  
Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held April 22, 2010

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Regulation No. 14-513 (#2713)  
Department of Public Welfare  
Family Violence and TANF and GA; and  
Support From Relatives Not Living With the  
Client

On August 5, 2008, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Public Welfare (Department). This rulemaking adds Chapter 108 to 55 Pa. Code and amends Chapter 187. The proposed regulation was published in the August 16, 2008 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on March 11, 2010.

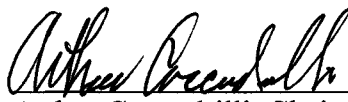
This regulation officially codifies the Family Violence Option (FVO), which the Department adopted from the federal program in its 1997 state plan. FVO allows additional funding to be provided to families or individuals that can demonstrate they are dealing with domestic violence. FVO also would allow the Department to waive various TANF and General Assistance requirements if the individual or family can show that complying with any of these requirements would put the recipient at further risk of domestic violence.

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.



  
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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman