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Please find below the Insurance Federation's endorsement of concerns regarding the Board of Medicine's proposed regulation 16A-4929. Thank you.

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**Re: Proposed Regulation 16A-4929**

Dear Regulatory Counsel:

I apologize sincerely on behalf of the Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania for submitting this comment the day after the designated expiration date for public comment on the captioned regulation. As the comment raises no new ground beyond what has already been submitted, I hope that you will kindly accept this letter as a legitimate addition to the public debate.

I write to advise that the Federation endorses the concerns expressed by Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania in its March 15 comment letter over the problems created by the State Board of Medicine's proposal for a certification rather than a licensure process. Those problems are correctly and succinctly stated in

that letter by Dr. Thomas Curry, BCNEPA's Medical Director.

The Federation believes the Board upon review will recognize the legitimacy of this concern and revise its proposal. That is our recommendation as well.

Thank you very much for considering our late filed comment.

Respectfully yours,

John R. Doubman

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