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September 10, 2010

Chairman Arthur Coccodrilli
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Department of Health Final-Omitted Regulation (#10-191 / IRRC #2860) "Physician Assistant and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners"

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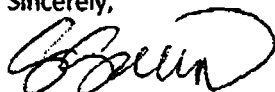
Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners (PCNP), which represents the interests of over 6,900 Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners (CRNP) in Pennsylvania, I am writing to express our strong support of the final-omitted regulation (#10-191 / IRRC # 2860) entitled "Physician Assistant and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners" as put forth by the Department of Health. Removal of this barrier will greatly improve access to care and positively impact residents in nursing homes across the Commonwealth.

For over 40 years, research has consistently demonstrated the high quality care provided by the nurse practitioner profession. Nurse practitioners have demonstrated repeatedly that they can provide cost-effective, high-quality primary care for many of the neediest members of society, including those who reside in skilled nursing facilities. The 7-day co signature requirement has proven to place an undue burden on the practice of nurse practitioners and their physician colleagues, and has contributed to delays in care for the residents they provide healthcare to. CRNPs practice in many other settings (outpatient practices, hospitals, home care and clinics) and no other setting has this restriction in place. The omission of this regulatory language will contribute to increased efficiency of care.

Again, we urge the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) to approve this regulation during the September 16, 2010 meeting. We thank you for your time and consideration with this matter, and if you have any questions regarding our position, please feel free to contact me directly at (215) 512-0011 or sschrand@pacnp.org.

Sincerely,



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Re: Regulation #2860 "Physician Assistant and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners" **CC:**

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

Enclosed please find the comments pertaining to Regulation #2860 "Physician Assistant and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners" for your review.

Please contact me at (215) 512-0011 with any questions.

Thank you!

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