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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

September 16, 2010

Honorable Everette James, Secretary
Department of Health
802 Health and Welfare Building
Harrisburg, PA 17108

Re: Regulation #10-191 (IRRC #2860)
Department of Health
Physician Assistants and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners

Dear Secretary James:

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.

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 September 16, 2010

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Regulation No. 10-191 (#2860)
Department of Health
Physician Assistants and Certified Registered
Nurse Practitioners

On July 27, 2010, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the Department of Health (Department). This rulemaking amends 28 Pa. Code Section 211.7. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

This regulation deletes the existing requirement for a countersignature by a licensed physician on a resident's record that is written by a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (35 P.S. § 448.201(11)) 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.



Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman