

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held May 16, 2013

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Regulation No. 16A-4933 (#2931)
State Board of Medicine
Prescribing

On February 22, 2012, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Medicine (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code § 16.92. The proposed regulation was published in the March 3, 2012 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on March 21, 2013.


This rulemaking clarifies the regulation relating to prescribing, administering and dispensing controlled substances and expands the provision to include three additional drugs which share serious potential for addiction and abuse: butalbital, carisoprodol and tramadol.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 422.8) 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.





Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman