

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 7, 2013

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Regulation No. 16A-6918 (#2973)
State Board of Social Workers,
Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional
Counselors
Continuing Education Audit and Enforcement

On August 28, 2012, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional Counselors (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code §§ 47.37, 48.38 and 49.38. The proposed regulation was published in the September 8, 2012 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on September 20, 2013.

This regulation amends continuing education requirements for licensed social workers; licensed marriage and family therapists; and licensed professional counselors, and provides for audits to ensure compliance with the continuing education requirements.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 1918 (a)) 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