

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held May 1, 2014

John F. Mizner, Esq., Chairman  
George D. Bedwick, Vice Chairman  
W. Russell Faber  
Lawrence J. Tabas, Esq.  
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Regulation No. 14-535 (#3019)  
Department of Public Welfare  
Supplemental Ventilator Care Payment for  
Medical Assistance Nursing Facilities

On August 14, 2013, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Public Welfare (Department). This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code Chapters 1187 and 1189. The proposed regulation was published in the August 24, 2013, *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on March 28, 2014.

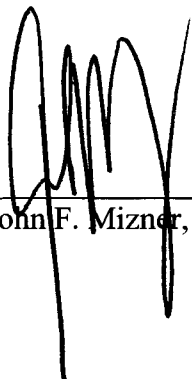
This regulation provides supplemental payment of Medical Assistance nursing facility services for ventilator care and tracheostomy care.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (62 P.S. § 201(2)) 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.



  
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John F. Mizner, Esq., Chairman