

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held June 16, 2022

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
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Regulation No. 16A-4417 (#3257)
State Board of Podiatry
Continuing Education

On May 18, 2020, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Podiatry. This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Sections 29.60, 29.61, and 29.68. The proposed regulation was published in the May 30, 2020 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on June 29, 2020. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on April 27, 2022.

This regulation amends the Board's regulations related to continuing education requirements. The regulation eliminates the current restriction on the number of hours that may be completed through programs that involve the use of the Internet and permits an unlimited amount of continuing education credits to be obtained through distance education, consistent with a trend in licensure requirements in other states.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Board of Podiatry (63 P.S. §§ 42.9, 42.15, 42.9a; 63 Pa.C.S. § 3107.1) 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.




George D. Bedwick, Chairman