

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held June 17, 2021

George D. Bedwick, Chairman  
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Regulation No. 16A-6518 (#3285)  
State Board of Physical Therapy  
Child Abuse Reporting Requirements

On December 9, 2020, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Physical Therapy (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 40. The proposed regulation was published in the December 19, 2020 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on January 18, 2021. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on April 26, 2021.


This final-form regulation updates the Board's child abuse reporting regulations to be consistent with the Child Protective Services Law, including the act of April 15, 2014 (P.L. 411, No. 31). 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 6301 – 6387. Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants are mandated reporters who are required to immediately report suspected child abuse, and complete training in child abuse recognition and reporting as a condition of licensure or certification.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 1303(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.



  
George D. Bedwick, Chairman