

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 17, 2022

George D. Bedwick, Chairman  
John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman  
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Regulation No. 16A-4947 (#3286)  
State Board of Medicine  
Orthotic Fitter Temporary Permits and  
Training

On December 22, 2020, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Medicine (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Sections 18.841-18.843. The proposed regulation was published in the January 9, 2021 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on February 8, 2021. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 5, 2022.


This regulation increases the time period during which an individual may practice as an orthotic fitter trainee under a temporary practice permit; identifies circumstances under which an individual may apply for a second temporary practice permit; requires that an orthotic fitter trainee complete 1,000 hours of orthotic fitting care experience which includes the full scope of orthotic fitting practice; and allows for Board approval of other entry-level education programs specific to orthotic fitting.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 422.8 and 422.13e(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