

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held January 26, 2022

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman
John J. Soroko, Esq.
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Regulation No. 16A-4941 (#3287)
State Board of Medicine
Child Abuse Reporting Requirements

On January 15, 2021, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Medicine (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code §§ 16.12, 16.15, 16.18, 16.19, 16.101-16.107, 17.1-17.7; 18.2, 18.3, 18.13, 18.14, 18.141, 18.145, 18.307, 18.309a, 18.504, 18.511, 18.523, 18.525, 18.603, 18.610, 18.703, 18.704, 18.709, 18.814, 18.824, 18.833, 18.843 and 18.862, and is adding 16.108 and 16.109 (relating to child abuse recognition and reporting—mandatory training requirement; and child abuse recognition and reporting course approval process). The proposed regulation was published in the January 30, 2021 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on March 1, 2021. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on November 30, 2021.


This rulemaking updates the Board's existing regulations pertaining to child abuse reporting to be consistent with amendments to the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) (23 Pa.C.S. §§ 6301-6388), including the requirement imposed by the act of April 15, 2014 (P.L. 411, No. 31) on all health-related boards to require training in child abuse recognition and reporting for licensees who are considered mandated reporters under the CPSL.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 422.8 and 23 Pa.C.S. § 6383(b)(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.




George D. Bedwick, Chairman