

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held July 13, 2023

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman
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Regulation No. 16A-4956 (#3332)
State Board of Medicine
Acupuncturists and Practitioners of Oriental
Medicine

On January 26, 2022, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Medicine (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code §§ 18.11, 18.13, 18.13a, 18.15, 18.15a, 18.18, and adds 18.20. The proposed regulation was published in the February 12, 2022 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on March 14, 2022. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 22, 2023.

This final rulemaking incorporates Act 134 of 2014 requirements relating to liability insurance and circumstances when diagnosis of a condition by another practitioner must occur. In addition, the regulation updates terminology, removes outdated provisions, revises practice responsibilities and expands options for demonstrating English language proficiency.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 1803(b)) 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