INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

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Public Meeting Held November 19, 2026

Regulation No. 16A-6317 (#3437)
State Board of Psychology
Continuing Education

On May 15, 2025, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Psychology (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 41. The proposed regulation was published in the May 31, 2025 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on June 30, 2025. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 1, 2026.

The regulation modernizes and clarifies continuing education standards by reorganizing definitions, expanding allowable distance education from 15 to 30 contact hours, and adding training requirements related to suicide risk management and diversity. The amendments also recognize the Canadian Psychological Association as an approved continuing education sponsor. In addition, they update professional writing requirements, clarify reactivation and waiver provisions, and eliminate the option to remedy continuing education deficiencies after the fact.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 1203.2, 1215, and 1221-1224 and 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