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April 13, 2000

Norbert O. Gannon, D.D.S., Chairman  
State Board of Dentistry  
116 Pine Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17105


Re: IRRC Regulation #16A-465 (#1960)  
State Board of Dentistry  
Expanded Function Dental Assistants

Dear Chairman Gannon:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its April 13, 2000 public meeting. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at <http://www.irrc.state.pa.us>.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

  
Alvin C. Bush  
Vice Chairman

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Enclosure  
cc: Deborah Eskin  
Joyce McKeever  
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Honorable Kim Pizzingrilli

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Commissioners Voting:

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State Board of Dentistry  
Expanded Function Dental Assistants

Regulation No. 16A-465

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION**

On July 1, 1998, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Dentistry (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 33. The authority for this regulation is Sections 2, 3(d.1) and 3(o) of the Dental Law (63 P.S. §§ 121, 122(d.1) and 122(o)). The proposed regulation was published in the July 11, 1998 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on February 29, 2000.

On March 10, 2000, the Commission received a request from the Board to toll consideration of this final-form regulation to correct four typographical errors. On March 14, 2000, the Board submitted its revisions to the final-form regulation to the Commission.

The regulation establishes the education and examination requirements and certification procedures for Expanded Function Dental Assistants (EFDAs). It also sets forth standards of practice and professional conduct for EFDAs.

This revised final-form regulation meets the criteria of the Regulatory Review Act.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Regulation No. 16A-465 from the State Board of Dentistry, as revised on March 14, 2000, is approved; and
2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau.

  
Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman

