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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
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April 4, 2002

Honorable Robert S. Zimmerman, Jr., Secretary  
Department of Health  
802 Health and Welfare Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17108

Re: Regulation #10-137 (IRRC #2188)  
Department of Health  
Newborn Disease Screening and Follow-up

Dear Secretary Zimmerman:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on April 4, 2002. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at [www.irrc.state.pa.us](http://www.irrc.state.pa.us).

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

Sincerely,

Alvin C. Bush  
Vice Chairman  
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable George T. Kenney, Jr. Majority Chairman, House Health and Human Services Committee  
Honorable Frank L. Oliver, Democratic Chairman, House Health and Human Services Committee  
Honorable Harold F. Mowery, Jr., Chairman, Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee  
Honorable Vincent J. Hughes, Minority Chairman, Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee  
Nia Wilson, Legal Counsel, House Health and Human Services Committee  
Stanley Mitchell, Chief Counsel, House Health and Human Services Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held April 4, 2002

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Regulation No. 10-137  
Department of Health  
Newborn Disease Screening and Follow-Up

On April 18, 2001, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Health (Department). This rulemaking amends 28 Pa. Code Chapters 27, 28 and 501. The proposed regulation was published in the April 28, 2001 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on March 8, 2002.

This regulation adds maple syrup urine disease (MSUD), hemoglobin diseases, galactosemia and congenital adrenal hyperplasia to the list of diseases for which newborn children are routinely tested, as mandated by Act 86 of 1992. Currently the statute requires testing for phenylketonuria, MSUD and sickle-cell disease. The Department is also updating procedures for screening and follow-up testing for diseases on the list. Finally, the amendments clarify when a health care provider is required to collect blood filter paper specimens.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (35 P.S. § 625) 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.



  
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Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman