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July 29, 2004

Veasey B. Cullen, Jr., D.M.D., Chairman
State Board of Dentistry
2601 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-4612 (IRRC #2308)
State Board of Dentistry
Expanded Function Dental Assistants

Dear Chairman Cullen:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our Order is enclosed and will be available on our website at 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 Thomas P. Gannon, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable William W. Rieger, Democratic Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Robert M. Tomlinson, Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held July 29, 2004

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Regulation No. 16A-4612
State Board of Dentistry
Expanded Function Dental Assistants

On October 10, 2002, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Dentistry (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code § 33.103(c). The proposed regulation was published in the October 26, 2002 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The Board resubmitted the proposed regulation on January 29, 2003, pursuant to Section 5(e) of the Regulatory Review Act, which was in effect at the time the regulation was proposed. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 22, 2004.

This regulation removes the clinical component of the examination required for certification as an expanded function dental assistant. It retains the written examination requirement. This change will significantly reduce the cost of the examination.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 122(d.1)(1), (e) and (o)) 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.



Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman