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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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November 4, 2004

Janet H. Shields, MSN, CRNP, CS, Chairperson
State Board of Nursing
2601 North 3rd Street
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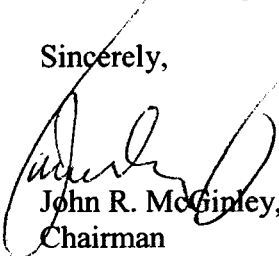
Re: Regulation #16A-5117 (IRRC #2314)
State Board of Nursing
Continuing Education

Dear Chairperson Shields:

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,


John R. McGinley, Jr.

Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: 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 Thomas P. Gannon, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable William W. Rieger, Democratic Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 4, 2004

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Regulation No. 16A-5117
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On October 31, 2002, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Nursing (Board). This rulemaking adds §§ 21.332-21.337 to Title 49 Pa. Code. The proposed regulation was published in the November 16, 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 January 6, 2004. The Board withdrew this final-form regulation on January 28, 2004, and resubmitted the revised final-form regulation to the Commission on October 1, 2004.

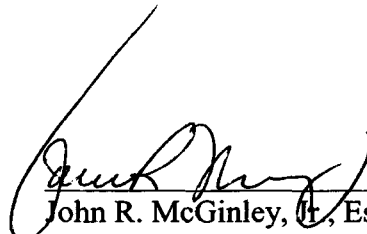
This regulation establishes the continuing education requirements for certified registered nurse practitioners and for course providers. It includes procedures for applying for approval of course providers and recordkeeping.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 212.1(k) and 218.1(c)) 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.





John R. McGinley, Jr., Esq., Chairman