

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held January 26, 2022

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman
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Regulation No. 16A-5140 (#3288)
State Board of Nursing
Child Abuse Reporting Requirements

On January 15, 2021, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Nursing (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 21. The proposed regulation was published in the January 30, 2021 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on March 1, 2021. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on November 30, 2021.

This final-form regulation updates the Board's child abuse reporting regulations to be consistent with the Child Protective Services Law, including the act of April 15, 2014 (P.L. 411, No. 31). 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 6301 – 6388. Registered nurses, certified registered nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, practical nurses and licensed dietitian-nutritionists are mandated reporters who are required to immediately report suspected child abuse and complete training in child abuse recognition and reporting as a condition of licensure or certification.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 212.1(k) and 667.6) 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