

September 25, 1987

James W. Sexton
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Dear Mr. Sexton:

Reference is to my letter to you, dated May 22, 1987, regarding the May 21, 1987 action of the Board of Nursing. This action provided that the Board would review its definition of C.R.N.A. with further study and decision regarding the matter of using the credential C.R.N.A. when one is not re-certified by the A.A.N.A.

At its regular meeting on September 23, 1987, the Board of Nursing reviewed the regulatory definition of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, LAC 46:XLVII.3711.A. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following declaratory statement interpreting this rule.

.41All persons who are not currently re-certified as a C.R.N.A. may not use the designation "C.R.N.A." except in following manner: "C.R.N.A. - Non-practicing."

L.R.S. 37:930 provides that persons who are not currently re-certified by the A.A.N.A. may not administer any form of anesthetic. Therefore, C.R.N.A.-Non-practicing status does not authorize a person to administer anesthetics.

Sincerely,

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