

March 28, 1990

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RE: Nursing Practice Opinion

Dear Dr. Maggio:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding the legal scope of CRNA practice was presented to the Board at its meeting on March 23, 1990.

The Nursing Practice Committee had reviewed all of the information you sent and had studied the issue. Additionally, the Committee consulted the Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists and the Director of the Charity Hospital/Xavier University School of Nurse Anesthesiology. The members of the Committee appreciated Kandis McDaniel's availability for a conference at the meeting to further clarify your situation.

At the March 23 meeting, the Committee presented its recommendations to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 4b, the Board approves the performance of CRNA functions in accord with the report of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists, with a proviso that a subclavicular portal of entry is not approved for the insertion of a catheter into the superior or inferior vena cava, right heart or pulmonary artery (#36010 in the CPT 4 codes).

A copy of the above-referenced report is enclosed to provide you the Board's response on each procedure in question. If you have questions about this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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