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To: Licensed RNs in Louisiana

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Re: Statutory authority for RNs to administer and manage anesthetics to
Intubated Patients in Critical Care Settings

The Nurse Practice Act, RS.37:935 authorizes RNs to administer, **"in accordance with an order of an authorized prescriber, anesthetic agents to intubated patients in critical care settings, and may titrate and continue infusion of local anesthetic agents through the use of epidural or perineural catheters for pain management, excluding obstetric patients, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. (Acts 2004, No. 642, §1, eff. July 5, 2004; Acts 2010, No. 246, §1, eff. June 17, 2010.)"**

This includes ketamine or other agents classified as anesthetics if they are prescribed by an authorized prescriber and the patient is intubated and in a critical care setting.

