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Senator John Alario, Jr, President
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Dear Senator Alario,

Pursuant to R.S.49.968 (D) (1) (b), the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) hereby announces it plan to proceed with rule-making of section Title 46 Professional and Occupational Standards Part XLVII. Nurses: Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses. Subpart 2. Registered Nurses. Chapter 45. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses §4513 Authorized Practice by finalizing the October 20, 2015 Notice of Intent that was promulgated on pages 2218-2220 of the *Louisiana Register*. The Louisiana State Board of Nursing submitted two rule changes via one Notice of Intent which included Licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Authorized Practice (LAC 46:XLVII. 4507 and 4513). The Louisiana State Board of Nursing received oral and written comments on §4513 and conducted a public hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:953 (A) (2) on November 30, 2015. After a thorough review and careful consideration of the received comments, the board proposed to amend certain portions of the proposed rules. The comments are included as attachments to this second report. No comments were received on §4507.

Due to the fact that these were substantive changes to the proposed Notice of Intent, the Board published a notice of these changes in the December 20, 2015 edition of the Potpourri Section of the Louisiana Register along with date and time for a second hearing. Also, the Potpourri that was published in the December 20, 2015 *La Register*

allowed for separation of the two proposed rules §4513 and §4507. The LSBN scheduled a second public hearing for §4513 pursuant to R.S. 49:953 (A) (2) which was held on January 26, 2016. The Louisiana State Board of Nursing did receive oral and written comments related to §4513. The comments from the second public hearing are included as an attachment to this second report. The LSBN Board met February 18, 2016 and unanimously decided to move forward with the promulgation of this rule.

This rule-making is informed by authority of the LSBN granted in R.S. 37.918 to develop, adopt and revise rules and regulations in the Louisiana Nurse Practice Act. LSBN proposes to amend Chapter 45 in accordance with R.S. 97.911 et. seq., with particular emphasis on §4513. The proposed Rule changes provides definitions and clarifications of the current exclusion for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) from being required to have a collaborative practice agreement in order to provide anesthesia care and ancillary services to patients in a hospital or other licensed surgical facility.

Subject to legislative oversight by either the House or Senate Health and Welfare Committee, the board intends to submit a Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication.

Please contact Dr. Karen Lyon at 225-755-7576 if the board may be of any assistance to you concerning this rule.

Sincerely,



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