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Dear Drs. Comarda and Rodriguez-Fierro:

Pursuant to your request for clarification of the *Declaratory Statement on the Role and Scope of Practice of the Registered Nurse in the Administration of Medication and Monitoring of Patients During the Levels of Procedural Sedation (Minimal, Moderate, Deep and Anesthesia)*, the Board rendered the following opinion on September 13, 2006:

To clarify the petitioner's question regarding the Declaratory Statement, *the registered nurse (non-CRNA) will not monitor an adult patient with an ASA classification higher than Class III and a pediatric patient higher than Class II for deep sedation.*

The RN may monitor an adult patient with an ASA classification higher than a Class III and a pediatric patient higher than Class II for minimal or moderate sedation.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this communication.

Sincerely,

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