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Thomas G. Baniak, CRNA, MPH
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Dear Mr. Baniak,

The Board of Registered Nursing is in receipt of your recent correspondence seeking clarification concerning whether it is within the scope of practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) to administer anesthesia for trauma patients.

It is within the CRNA's scope of practice to provide anesthesia services ordered by a physician, dentist or podiatrist within the scope of their licensure, and in accord with common practice and policies of the organized health care system in which the services are provided. Organized health care systems include, but are not limited to, acute care hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers and surgeons offices. There is nothing in the statute that would preclude a CRNA from providing anesthesia services in Level I, II or III trauma centers.

If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 324-2715.

Sincerely,

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