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16A-5145 (CRNA)

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kimberly Juhas-Davis, and I am a CRNA who lives in the suburbs of Philadelphia, PA and works in a variety of settings for over 25 years as a CRNA. I am writing in response to the State Board of Nursing's proposed rule making, 16A-5145 (CRNA). I work primarily as Assistant Director of the Nurse Anesthesia Program at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA where I'm responsible to administrate the Doctoral program and verify all residents/SRNAs meet & exceed the criteria to be prepared to enter and excel in the profession. My clinical positions allow me to maintain my practice and include UPenn Presby medical center caring for many very sick and critical inner city patients who have experienced trauma or need high levels of care. I also work at Temple/Fox Chase Cancer Center in the operating room, at Jeanes and in the endoscopy bronchoscopy suite. The patients in this setting are primarily suburban patients who may be in overall good health compared to inner city, but have complex situations which are related to their cancer treatments and secondary health conditions. My other clinical practice is in a small community hospital where we practice a wide variety of cases including obstetrics to meet the community needs for patient care. *I have been practicing for over 25 years.*

This rulemaking finally recognizes and licenses CRNAs as intended under Act 60 of 2021. The rulemaking solidifies the scope of practice for CRNAs to administer anesthesia in cooperation with and under the overall direction of licensed physicians, podiatrists, and dentists, while setting licensing fees and certification standards.

CRNAs pride themselves on rigorous education and training standards. These regulations recognize the commitment each individual puts into their profession to provide the highest level of care.

Because of our training and experience, numerous medical studies show there is no statistical difference in patient outcomes when a nurse anesthetist provides treatment. In fact, these studies by nationally recognized health-care policy and research organizations prove that CRNAs provide high-quality care, even for rare and difficult procedures.

As an experienced CRNA, working in the profession for over 25 years, in a variety of clinical settings and in the academic setting, the high quality training and standards for academic and clinical training are of the highest standards and shown to be highly effective with high quality safe care provided every day nationwide.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Juhas-Davis, DrNP, CRNA

Sent from my iPhone