May 19, 2003

The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor
State Capitol
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Dear Governor Vilsack:

This letter is an update concerning the Federal Opt Out of physician supervision that you initiated eighteen months ago. The board of nursing, as the regulatory body, would be the first agency to be notified of problems involving CRNA practice. As you know, before the Opt Out, Iowa did not require physician supervision of CRNA practice. The Opt Out was consistent with the regulation of practice in Iowa. The board did not anticipate a decrease in the quality of care and supported the Opt Out.

The board is not aware of any problems since the Opt Out and has found the high standard of care provided by Iowa’s CRNAs remains intact.

The board is extremely proud of the care and service provided by Iowa’s CRNAs to our citizens.

Sincerely,

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