

NURSING BOARD[655]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 17A.3 and 147.76, the Board of Nursing hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 6, "Nursing Practice for Registered Nurses/Licensed Practical Nurses," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments prohibit a registered nurse (RN) and an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP), with the exception of a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), from administering anesthetic agents, e.g., Propofol, Brevitol, Ketamine and Etomidate, during any operative, invasive or diagnostic procedure in any type of setting. These amendments set forth the exceptions and requirements which allow an RN and an ARNP to administer anesthetic agents.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions regarding the proposed amendments on or before September 10, 2008. Such written materials should be directed to the Executive Director, Iowa Board of Nursing, RiverPoint Business Park, 400 S.W. 8th Street, Suite B, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4685. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Executive Director at (515)281-3256, or in the Board office at 400 S.W. 8th Street, by appointment.

There will be a public hearing on September 10, 2008, at 6 p.m. in the Des Moines West Room, Holiday Inn, 1050 6th Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Persons may present their views at the public hearing either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 152.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Adopt the following new subrule 6.2(6):

6.2(6) A registered nurse (RN) and an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP), with the exception of a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), shall not administer anesthetic agents, e.g., Propofol, Brevitol, Ketamine and Etomidate, during any operative, invasive or diagnostic procedure in any type of health care setting. Subrule 6.4(3) lists the exceptions.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following new subrules 6.4(3)6.4(4):

6.4(3) An RN and an ARNP may administer anesthetic agents, e.g., Propofol, Brevitol, Ketamine and Etomidate, in the following situations:

a. When under the direction of a CRNA, anesthesiologist, or an oral and maxillofacial surgeon (650—Chapter 29) who is physically present in the procedure room at the time of medication administration and for the duration of the anesthetic agent's effectiveness.

b. When administering these medications as part of a clinical experience as a student nurse anesthetist in an advanced educational program.

c. When administering these medications to intubated, ventilated patients in a critical care setting.

d. When assisting an individual qualified in advanced airway management for rapid sequence emergency intubation.

6.4(4) An RN and an ARNP, with the exception of a CRNA, who administer anesthetic agents, as outlined in 6.4(3) of these rules, shall meet the following requirements:

a. Current Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification.

b. Annual education in the administration of anesthetic agents that includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Effects, side effects and contraindications of each drug to be administered.

- (2) Proper dosing of the medication to be administered.
- (3) Potential complications of each drug and combination of drugs.
- (4) Assessment of emergency situations and the appropriate nursing interventions.