



Promoting patient safety by enhancing provider quality.

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### **ABSNC, NCCA GRANT REACCREDITATION TO THE NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION FOR NURSE ANESTHETISTS**

CHICAGO—May 24, 2017– The Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABSNC), and The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) have granted reaccreditation to the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCR NA) for the CRNA certification program. The rigorous process and high standards required to attain these accreditations helps to ensure that the CRNA credential stands for quality and competence in nurse anesthesia practice nationwide.

ABSNC accreditation is a peer-reviewed mechanism that allows nursing certifying organizations to obtain program accreditation by demonstrating compliance with the highest quality standards in the industry. When the NBCR NA received its initial accreditation from the ABSNC in August 1992, it was one of the first national certification bodies to be recognized and approved by the ABSNC. NCCA is the accrediting body of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (formerly the National Organization for Competency Assurance) that serves more than 270 accreditation programs. The NBCR NA received its initial accreditation by the NCCA in June 1984 and our programs have been continuously accredited since 1980.

“The National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists is pleased to continue our accreditation by ABSNC and NCCA for our nurse anesthesia certification. These recognitions are considered the benchmark for boards that provide certification to nursing professionals. It reflects our commitment to the high standards as we complete the rigorous process to demonstrate maintenance of a quality certification program in meeting the ABSNC standards, and NCCA standards, and earning these

prestigious acknowledgements. With the intricacy of the healthcare system, certification with ongoing maintenance improves the quality and outcomes of the care provided. NBCRNA is proud to be accredited by ABSNC and NCCA, and among those committed to ongoing certification,” said Karen Plaus, PhD, CRNA, FAAN, CAE, Chief Executive Officer, NBCRNA.

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*The National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA) is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to promoting patient safety by enhancing provider quality in the field of nurse anesthesia. We accomplish our mission through the development and implementation of credentialing programs that support lifelong learning among nurse anesthetists. The vision of the NBCRNA is to be recognized as the leader in advanced practice nurse credentialing. The NBCRNA certification and recertification programs are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC) of the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS).*

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