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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Members

FROM: Lisa Emrich, Program Manager

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SUBJECT: Approval of National Certifying Organizations – APRNs

Section 4723.46, ORC, requires the Board to annually approve national organizations that offer examinations and provide national certification to APRNs designated as certified nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse specialists. No later than January 30th of each year, the Board must establish a list of recognized national certifying organizations that meet the following requirements of Section 4723.46(A), ORC:

- (1) Be national in the scope of its credentialing;
- (2) Have an educational requirement beyond that required for registered nurse licensure;
- (3) Have practice requirements beyond those required for registered nurse licensure;
- (4) Have testing requirements beyond those required for registered nurse licensure that measure the theoretical and clinical content of a nursing specialty, are developed in accordance with accepted standards of validity and reliability, and are open to registered nurses who have successfully completed the educational program required by the organization;
- (5) Issue certificates to certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, or certified nurse practitioners;
- (6) Periodically review the qualifications of certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, or certified nurse practitioners.

The national organizations listed below meet the above requirements and are recommended for approval.

1. American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board
2. American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Certification Corporation
3. American Midwifery Certification Board
4. American Nurses Credentialing Center
5. Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center
6. National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists
7. National Certification Corporation
8. Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation
9. Pediatric Nursing Certification Board