



NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD

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May 6, 2014

Christopher Meredith, RCP
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Dear Mr. Meredith,

This letter is sent on behalf of the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board in response to a letter dated February 12, 2014 requesting the Board's interpretation of state statutes and rules that relate to the administration of nitrous oxide for moderate sedation by Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP's).

The Respiratory Care Board discussed your request during its regular scheduled meeting held on April 10, 2014 and has determined that the administration of nitrous oxide for moderate sedation by Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP's) is **NOT** within the scope of practice of RCP's pursuant to NC General Statute 90-648 (10)(a).

Please advise if you have any other questions about this issue.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Floyd E. Boyer".

Floyd E. Boyer, RRT, RCP
Executive Director