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DATE: April 23, 2010

TO: Physicians Registered for Office Surgery

FROM: The Office Surgery Registration and Inspection Program
The Florida Board of Medicine

SUBJECT: Rule Changes Effective March 25, 2010
Rules 64B8-9.009 (4) F.A.C. Standard of Care Rule for Office
Surgery

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Recently the Board of Medicine Surgical Care Committee made certain changes to Rule 64B8-9.009 (4) (a) 1, F.A.C. and 64B8-9.009 (4) (a) 3 (h), F.A.C.

The changes are as follows:

Rule 64B8-9.009 (4) (a) 1, F.A.C. has a change in the rule language to include “any alteration of consciousness by any means”. This rule change may require certain physicians who are currently performing Level I office surgery procedures, to register with the Department of Health.

Any medication administered to the patient, prior to and/or during the surgical procedure which would alter the patient’s consciousness, moves the procedure from a Level I procedure to a Level II procedure. This constitutes a change in the level of surgery.

Rule 64B8-9.009 (4) a (3) h, F.A.C. This section of the rule requires that a defibrillator or AED (automated external defibrillator) be included in the list of required Supplies and Equipment. All office surgery facilities registered with the Department of Health/Board of Medicine are required to have a Defibrillator or AED on the premises and available for any emergencies.

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