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Clarification of Practice Alert

Office Surgery Rule Changes

DATE: August 16, 2011 (originally issued April 23, 2010)

TO: Physicians Registered for Office Surgery

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

SUBJECT: Rules 64B8-9.009 (4) and 64B8-9.0092 F.A.C. Standard of Care Rule for
Office Surgery

The following practice alert, issued in 2010, is being clarified related to Rule 64B8-9.009. Changes are underlined below:

The Board of Medicine Surgical Care Committee made certain changes to Rule 64B8-9.009 F.A.C. and 64B809.9.0092 F.A.C. in 2010. The changes are as follows:

Rule 64B8-9.009 (4) F.A.C. change in the rule language to clarify that Level II office surgery is that in which peri-operative medication and sedation are used by any means altering the level of consciousness. This rule may require offices that are currently performing Level I office surgery procedures to register if enough oral medication is administered, which would alter the patient's consciousness.

Rule 64B8-9.009 (4) 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.

Rule 64B8-9.0092 F.A.C. The Board of Medicine Surgical Care Committee has given a provisional approval for one year to the Institute of Medical Quality from July 15, 2010 until July 14, 2011. The IMQ may be used as an accrediting entity in Florida during that year.