

65-1151. Definitions. As used in K.S.A. 65-1151 to 65-1164, inclusive and amendments thereto:

(a) “Registered nurse anesthetist” means a licensed professional nurse who is authorized to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist. (b) “Board” means the board of nursing. (c) “Local anesthetic” means infiltration anesthesia or anesthesia produced by direct infiltration of local anesthetic solution into the operative site. (d) “Regional anesthesia” means the use of local anesthetic solutions to produce loss of sensation in circumscribed areas. (e) “General anesthesia” means one that is complete and affecting the entire body with the loss of consciousness. (f) “Active anesthesia practice” means clinical practice and anesthesia related administrative, educational, and research activities.

65-1152. Qualifications for authorization to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist; approval

of schools of nurse anesthesia, criteria. (a) In order to obtain authorization from the board of nursing to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist an individual shall meet the following requirements: (1) Be licensed to practice professional nursing under the Kansas nurse practice act; (2) has successfully completed a course of study in nurse anesthesia in a school of nurse anesthesia approved by the board; (3) has successfully completed an examination approved by the board or has been certified by a national organization whose certifying standards are approved by the board as equal to or greater than the corresponding standards established under this act for obtaining authorization to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist; and (4) be required to successfully complete a refresher course as defined in rules and regulations of the board if the individual has not been in active anesthesia practice for five years preceding the application. (b) Approval of schools of nurse anesthesia shall be based on approval standards specified in K.S.A. 65-1133 and amendments thereto. (c) Schools of nurse anesthesia approved by the board under this section shall offer, a masters level degree program in nurse anesthesia. (d) For the purposes of determining whether an individual meets the requirements of item (2) of subsection (a), the board by rules and regulations shall establish criteria for determining whether a particular school of nurse anesthesia maintains standards which are at least equal to schools of nurse anesthesia which are approved by the board.

65-1158. Duties of registered nurse anesthetists. (a) Upon the order of a physician or dentist requesting anesthesia or analgesia care, each registered nurse anesthetist shall be authorized to: (1) Conduct a pre- and post- anesthesia and pre- and post-analgesia visit and assessment with appropriate documentation; (2) develop a general plan of anesthesia care with the physician or dentist; (3) select the method for administration of anesthesia or analgesia; (4) select or administer appropriate medications and anesthetic agents during the peri-anesthetic or perianalgesic period; (5) order necessary medications and tests in the peri-anesthetic or peri-analgesic period; (6) induce and maintain anesthesia or analgesia at the required levels; (7) support life functions during the peri-anesthetic or peri-analgesic period; (8) recognize and take appropriate action with respect to patient responses during the peri-anesthetic or peri-analgesic period; (9) manage the patient’s emergence from anesthesia or analgesia; and (10) participate in the life support of the patient. (b) Each registered nurse anesthetist may

participate in periodic and joint evaluation of services rendered, including, but not limited to, chart reviews, case reviews, patient evaluation and outcome of case statistics. (c) A registered nurse anesthetist shall perform duties and functions in an interdependent role as a member of a physician or dentist directed health care team.