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Andrew Osborne DNP, CRNA, APRN
MeANA President

**RE: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLARIFICATION FOR CRNA PHARMACOLOGY
CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Dear Mr Osborne:

The Maine Board of Nursing reviewed the proposed clarification for CRNA Pharmacology Continuing Education Requirements at its December 8th and December 9th, 2021 Board Meeting. The Board approved the clarification as written with no alterations.

Enclosed you will find the final clarification which may be shared with members of the Maine Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Esquibel".

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**Clarification of
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Pharmacology CEU Requirement**

Pursuant to Chapter 8 Regulations Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nursing, Sec. 6 – Sec. 8, regarding required pharmacology continuing education units for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, approved educational offerings shall be as follows:

Activities are those planned continuing education activities sponsored by organizations or institutions whose educational offerings are approved by professional bodies such as:

1. American Nurses Association Credentialing Center
2. American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
3. American Midwifery Certification Board
4. The former American College of Nurse-Midwives
5. Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA)
 - a. American Association of Nurse Anesthetists approved courses
6. National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty
7. Maine State Nurses Association
8. American Psychological Association
9. American Medical Association Council of Medical Education
10. Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
11. The Committee of Continuing Medical Education of the Maine Medical Association.

Pharmacology course content shall incorporate the educational topics as noted in Chapter 8, section 6, subsection 3(B)(1 – 6):

1. Applicable federal/ state laws
2. Prescription writing
3. Drug selection, dosage, and route
4. Drug interactions
5. Information resources; and
6. Clinical application of pharmacology related to specific scope of practice.

The 15 contact hours of pharmacology requirement is applicable to the bi-annual 50 contact hour continuing education requirement for license renewal.