

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Ms. Forlauer Dr. Burton Extend until 8/28/08 e-mail attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>8-22-08</i>
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Sincerely,

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Medical Director, Pediatric Critical Care

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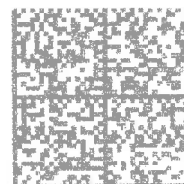
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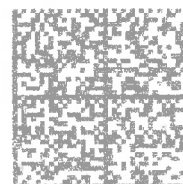
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From: Melanie Giese
To: Brenda James
Date: 8/25/2008 1:32:12 pm
Subject: Log 90

CC: Jan Polatty; Nancy Rabert; Valeria Williams
Val has been working with Marion on this, but he wants to talk to a couple doctors before we submit the agency's reply. The log was due Aug 22. We have asked for a response from Marion by COB Wednesday the 27th and will have the letter to you by COB the 28th. This is an extension request.
Thanks-
BZ

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September 4, 2008

Robert S. Seigler, M.D.
Medical Director
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Dear Dr. Seigler:

Thank you for your letter regarding Pediatric Intensivist and Pediatric Emergency Medicine physicians being certified in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) to receive reimbursement for anesthesia services.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' (SCDHHS) Medical Director, Dr. Marion Burton, has reviewed your request to remove the requirement of PALS certification for non-anesthesiologists. Dr. Burton believes it is critical that the non-anesthesiologist physician in charge of administering sedation has demonstrated their ability to rescue patients who have untoward events. Since these physicians are not anesthesiologists, the requirement for certification in PALS needs to remain a requirement to provide these services.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. If you have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Valeria Williams, Division Director of Physician Services, at (803) 898-2660.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Felicity Myers".

Felicity Myers
Deputy Director

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Robert S. Seigler, M.D.
September 4, 2008
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