

*CRNA Opinion*

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This opinion is issued by the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama (Board) to address questions by licensees concerning the extent to which Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) may administer anesthesia in dental settings, as governed by the Alabama Dental Practice Act and applicable Board rules.

The Board has discussed this matter and sets forth the following:

- CRNAs may, under Alabama law and Board rules, provide anesthesia services in a dental setting only to the extent that they are qualified based on education, licensure, certification, and governed by applicable federal and state law, including standards and rules promulgated by the Alabama Board of Nursing.
- Anesthesia services are provided under the direction, within the supervising authority, and consistent with the anesthesia permit held by the dentist, as required by Ala. Code § 34-9-60 and enforced through Ala. Admin. Code r. 270-X-2-.17.
- Facility, personnel, monitoring, and emergency preparedness standards must be met as required by Board inspection—to include all individuals assisting in general anesthesia and/or sedation procedures.