

April 24, 2013

MEMBER ALERT

Good morning, everyone:

We are very pleased to report to you that we have successfully negotiated an agreement with the Office of the Attorney General under which the new Board of Medical Licensure rules on collaboration will now NOT be implemented or become effective tomorrow, April 25. You may find two orders documenting this result at the Members Only section of the MANA website. They are both now public record, so you may feel free to distribute or circulate them in any way that would be helpful to you, your colleagues or the facilities where you serve your patients.

Under our agreement, the new rules will not become effective, if at all, until after a hearing before the Hinds County Chancery Court on July 31. In the meantime, we will be working diligently in an attempt to persuade the BoML to promulgate a rule that is legal and appropriate, and that does not improperly impose upon your scope of practice or your patients' access to your professional services and care.

Please note that the Mississippi Nursing Association, the Mississippi Hospital Association, and the Golden Triangle Planning and Development District have all joined in or are about to join in our action against the BoML. Congratulations to MANA and its Board for taking the lead role in such a crucial undertaking, and in obtaining this good first round result.

You will also find at the Members Only page a PayPal link by which you may make financial contributions to our legal and strategic expenses in connection with this matter and related public policy matters of critical importance to CRNAs in our state. The account to which your contributions would go is used by your Board specifically for these purposes, and not for operational or political purposes, so you may be assured that your contribution will be put to good use if you are able to participate at this time.

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On behalf of Jeff Rimes, Mona Graham and Andy Taggart