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on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

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Dear Ms. Kuykendall:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 1996 requesting information about licensed independent practitioners (LIP) as defined by the Joint Commission.

The applicable definition is found in the Interpretation of Terms section of the 1996 *Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals (CAMH)* as reproduced below.

licensed independent practitioner

Any individual permitted by law and by the hospital to provide patient care services without direction or supervision, within the scope of his or her license, and in accordance with individually granted clinical privileges.

As you can see, any practitioner (including a CRNA) who is licensed by the state for independent practice may do so in a Joint Commission-accredited organization if s/he has been granted privileges for such practice.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. If you have further questions, please feel free to call me at (708) 916-5905.

Sincerely,

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