



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

June 10, 2009

Ms. Charlene Fizzerra
Acting Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
314G Hubert Humphrey Building
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Ms. Fizzerra,

Pursuant to the final rule published in the November 13, 2001, *Federal Register*, Volume 66, Number 219, I am exercising the option to exempt the State of California from the requirement that certified registered nurse anesthetists be supervised by a physician.

Having consulted with the California Board of Medicine and California Board of Registered Nursing and having determined that this exemption is consistent with state law, I have concluded that it is in the interests of the people of California to opt out of this requirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arnold Schwarzenegger', written in a cursive style.

Arnold Schwarzenegger

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