



DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

March 8, 2002

The Honorable Thomas Scully, Administrator  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
314G Hubert Humphrey Building  
200 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Mr. Scully:

Pursuant to the recently filed rule regarding the anesthesia services condition of participation of hospitals and as published in the Federal Register on November 13, 2001, I hereby notify you of the State of Idaho's election for a state exemption from the requirement for physician supervision of CRNAs. Please consider this full notification of Idaho's election for state exemption.

My office has consulted with the Idaho Board of Medicine, the Idaho Board of Nursing and other interested and affected parties regarding this matter. I have concluded that this exemption is consistent with Idaho state law and is in the best interests of Idaho's citizens, rural communities and hospitals.

Should you need additional information, please contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dirk Kempthorne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
Governor