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April 10, 2003

Jo M. Knatz, M.D.
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RE: S.S. v Jo M. Knatz, M.D.
Case # MD-02-0082A

Dear Dr. Knatz:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that during the course of the April 2, 2003 public meeting, the Arizona Medical Board (Board) reviewed the above-referenced complaint and all pertinent evidence and information gathered during the investigation. At the conclusion of its review, the Board voted to issue you this advisory letter for failure to have anesthesia available in house for a high-risk delivery. The violation is a minor violation that is not of sufficient merit to warrant disciplinary action.

An advisory letter is a non-disciplinary letter that is intended to notify a licensee that while there is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action, the Board believes that continuation of the activities that led to the investigation may result in further Board action against the licensee. A.R.S. § 32-1401(3). Because an advisory letter is not a disciplinary action, it is not subject to review by either the Board or the Courts. See *Murphy v. Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Arizona*, 190 Ariz. 441, 949 P.2d 530 (App. 1997).

You may file a written response to the letter with the Board within thirty days after its receipt. A.R.S. § 32-1451(E)(2). If your response is timely received, it will be attached to the advisory letter and maintained in your permanent file. The written response will also be hyperlinked to the your profile on the agency's website.

Sincerely,

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