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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 14, 2009
FROM: South Dakota Board of Nursing, Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director
TO: Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives
RE: South Dakota Joint Board of Nursing and Medical and Osteopathic Examiners (Joint Board) Interpretation of ARSD 20:62:03:05

The Joint Board met September 15, 2009 and considered the interpretation of ARSD 20:62:03:05, *“Collaboration – Separate practice location. In addition to the required two meetings per month, the collaborating physician must be physically present on-site every ninety days at each practice location. This requirement does not apply to locations where health care services are not routine to the setting, such as patient homes and school health screening events.”* This rule became effective July 1, 2009 and consequently caused a clinic to change the availability of their CNP services.

Please be informed that the Joint Board unanimously approved the following interpretation of ARSD 20:62:03:05 and ARSD 20:52:01:03.02:

“For the purpose of ARSD 20:62:03:05 and 20:52:01:03.02, the 90 day onsite requirement applies to those practice site(s) where the CNP/CNM/PA is in practice and does not have a collaborating/supervising physician physically present at any other site where collaboration can occur.”

The adoption of ARSD 20:62:02:05 was not intended to limit the accessibility of nurse practitioner or nurse midwife services in the state of South Dakota. The adopted interpretation of this rule clarifies that the 90 day on-site requirement applies only to those situations where a CNP/CNM/PA does not have the ability to collaborate with a physician at any other site.