



**JIM DOYLE**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**

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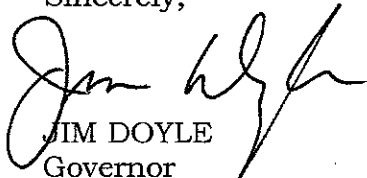
June 6, 2005

Honorable Mark McClellan  
Administrator  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
314G Hubert Humphrey Building  
200 Independence Avenue S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. McClellan:

As delineated in 66 FR 56762-69, November 13, 2001, as Governor of the State of Wisconsin, I am requesting an opt-out from the federal requirement for physician supervision of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs). I attest and have concluded that this opt-out is in the best interests of Wisconsin's citizens, that the opt-out is consistent with Wisconsin law, and that I have consulted with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board and the Wisconsin Board of Nursing about issues related to access to and the quality of anesthesia services in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

  
JIM DOYLE  
Governor