

# TEMPLATE LETTER TO STATE ENA MEMBERS

[Insert Date]

[Insert Name and Address]

Dear [insert state or chapter name] ENA Member:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the [insert state or chapter name] Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), I would like to ask your assistance with a matter of critical importance to emergency nurses. ENA is involved in working with State Boards of Nursing regarding administration of medications used in procedural sedation and analgesia in the emergency department. **[INSERT DESCRIPTION OF STATE BOARD OF NURSING ACTIONS REGARDING PROCEDURAL SEDATION]**.

ENA acknowledges that the administration of procedural sedation and analgesia for therapeutic, diagnostic, or surgical procedures is a specialized skill that requires specific knowledge and competencies including the ability to recognize and intervene should complications occur. A growing body of literature exists that supports the safe use of a large variety of agents for procedural sedation and analgesia in the ED. Ketamine, midazolam, fentanyl, propofol, and etomidate are just a few of these agents in common usage. Respiratory depression is the most concerning of side effects related to the use of these agents; however, careful preparation and administration have been shown to prevent harmful sequelae.

As emergency nurses, the safety and comfort of our patients are our first priority. We need your assistance to work with our state board of nursing regarding the administration of procedural sedation and analgesia in the ED. If you can assist us in this effort, please contact me at \_\_\_ **PHONE NUMBER/E-MAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_ by \_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_. We would like to have a strategy meeting and can provide you with background material and other information to assist you in this regulatory effort.

Looking forward to working with you on this extremely important clinical policy issue.

Sincerely yours,

[Insert name]

[Title]

[State or Chapter Name] Emergency Nurses Association