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Dear Jan:

Over the past year, the APRN Advisory Panel has been communicating with you regarding whether your organization meets the NCSBN's APRN criteria for certification programs. During its May 2005 meeting, the APRN Advisory Panel carefully reviewed your program and determined that the Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Certification Program does meet the NCSBN's APRN certification program criteria.

The NCSBN's APRN criteria were developed in response to the concerns of boards of nursing regarding the suitability of APRN certification examinations for licensure purposes. APRN licensure allows individuals the ability to practice independently or in collaboration with physicians including prescriptive authority, diagnosing and treating illness. For this reason, the criteria were developed.

The APRN Advisory Panel continues to monitor those programs that have been designated as having met the NCSBN criteria. Areas monitored include but are not be limited to: content of exams, sub-specialization, stopping the exam without notification to applicants, failure to publish a job analysis, failure to notify boards of nursing regarding changes in exams, etc.

APRN certification programs, designated as having met the NCSBN's criteria, are expected to supply a brief annual report and to respond to complaints received by the NCSBN from boards of nursing. If a complaint is received, NCSBN will notify the certification program of the complaint and ask for a meeting and/or written response. If a resolution is not reached, information regarding the concern will be made available to boards of nursing.

Again, congratulations on meeting the NCSBN's APRN criteria for certification programs. We wish you success on your new certification examination.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at (312) 525-3646 or nchornick@ncsbn.org.

Sincerely,

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Cc: APRN Advisory Panel