



Dear Rep. Susan R. Donovan,

The Rhode Island Society of Anesthesiologists (RISA) has become aware of possible action from the RIDOH surrounding the use of NAAPS (Non-anesthesia administered propofol sedation) and wanted to provide our input on this issue. As experts in the field of anesthesiology, RISA represents over 100 physician anesthesiologists, residents, researchers, and other professionals across the state.

For over 100 years, patient safety has been and continues to be the ultimate priority for our profession. RISA supports hospitals and Departments of Anesthesiology to make decisions and institutional policy surrounding safe sedation care within the regulatory framework provided by the state of Rhode Island and CMS conditions of participation. Our opinion is that guidelines from the American Society of Anesthesiologists are clear. They provide a framework that **“may be adopted, modified, or rejected according to clinical needs and constraints. They are not intended to replace local institutional policies.”** ([*ASA Statement on Practice Parameters*](#))

The Rhode Island Society of Anesthesiologists stands ready to address any questions regarding the provision of safe sedation care within the state.

Sincerely,

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