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Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology
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SUBJECT: RE-RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATION BOARD OF NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY
SPECIALTY BOARD PROGRAM

Dear Dr. Holly,

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff reviewed the August 30, 2016, letter by Mr. Dale R. Cry, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Inteleos, informing the NRC of changes in the organization of the Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology (CBNC) and changes to the CBNC Certificates, and requesting continued recognition of CBNC board program. This letter informed the NRC that the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography merged with the Council for Certification in Cardiovascular Imaging to form Inteleos, and the CBNC certification program was now under the auspices of Inteleos and its physician council, the Alliance for Physician Certification and Advancement (APCA). The staff also reviewed subsequent response letters dated March 10, 2017, signed by Mr. Cry, CEO, Inteleos, Thomas Holley, MD, CBNC Chairman, Raymond R. Russell, MD, PhD, CBNC Vice-Chairman, and Dawn Edgerton, CBNC Director as well as the April 25, 2017, letter signed by Thomas D. Shipp, MD, Chairman, Inteleos Board of Directors.

The February 1, 2016, Press Release on the CBNC Web site provided additional information (<http://www.cccvi.org/pdf/ARDMS%20and%20CCCVI%20Merger%20Press%20Release%20-%20February%201%202016%20-%20FINAL.pdf>). The press release appeared to indicate that within 18 months, CBNC would be following the APCA structure, and would no longer have its own structure. Additionally, it appeared that the APCA Assessment Oversight Teams and the APCA Governance Council would now be controlling the boards. Further, the new diplomat certificates included in the August 30, 2016, letter were signed by Inteleos and APAC officers which appeared to indicate that CBNC could no longer independently issue its own diplomat certificates. This information along with the fact that the March 10, 2017, CBNC letter contained the signature of Dale Cry, CEO of Inteleos, appeared to indicate that CBNC also could not issue this or future letters without Inteleos approval.

It is the NRC staff's understanding that Dr Shipp's letter of April 25, 2017, provides a more current description of the relationship between CBNC and APCA and reasserts the autonomy of the CBNC. Dr. Shipp stated that while CBNC is housed under Inteleos' APCA, the APCA's oversight is limited to supporting its member certification programs and to assure that its programmatic policies and procedures have been followed. Accordingly, CBNC's physician leadership, all of whom are CBNC diplomates, independently control the program's eligibility

requirements, examination content, passing standards, and recertification program. Neither APCA nor Inteleos itself has the authority to countermand a programmatic decision of the CBNC diplomate leadership. It is the NRC staff's expectation that the autonomous CBNC diplomate leadership will be able to directly correspond with and make commitments to the NRC about its certification program solely under CBNC's Chairman or Vice-Chairman's signatures.

It is the NRC staffs' understanding that the CBNC no longer has a Board of Directors and has replaced the Board of Directors that governed the CBNC with a governing body that consists of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Examination Panel, and Director. Further, you are the current Chairman of the CBNC and Dr. Raymond R. Russel is the Vice-Chairman of CBNC. Further, the revised CBNC board certificates are now signed only by you and the Vice-Chairman which clarifies that CBNC can independently issue its own diplomate certificates.

Based on this information, description of CBNC's Preceptor Attestation: Training Program Verifications and CBNC Audits and assurances from the CBNC that its board certification processes remain essentially the same as those accepted in 2012, the NRC re-recognizes the CBNC board certification process for certificates by the Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology. An example of this certificates will be posted on the NRC's Web site for Part 35 matters at: <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/med-use-toolkit.html>.

Please notify the NRC, via letter, six months in advance of CBNC plans for becoming inactive or disbanding, plans to inactivate, as well as of changes to certification procedures and certification documents that would affect the recognition of CBNC's certification process under the requirements of 10 CFR 35.290(a).

For further information or for questions, please contact Maryann Ayoade at (301) 415-0862 or via e-mail at Maryann.Ayoade@nrc.gov or Dr. Donna-Beth Howe of my staff at (301) 415-7848 or via e-mail at Donna-Beth.Howe@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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