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As a credentialing body, CCI is committed to building and maintaining rigorous certifications to meet the needs of our certificants and the perioperative community. We continuously seek ways to enhance the value and growth of our credentials. As such, I'd like to share some exciting news about the Certified RN First Assistant (CRNFA) certification.

CCI is vested in the success of the CRNFA, and has partnered with the National Assistant at Surgery Certification (NASC) to build and grow the credential. Effective January 1, 2019, NASC will become the credentialing organization that administers the CRNFA credential.

NASC brings a wealth of certification knowledge and a deep commitment to the RN first assisting community that will further enhance the CRNFA credentialing program. Since 2005, NASC has validated practitioners' first assistant education through administration of the RNAS-C and AS-C certifications. As the new credentialing organization that will administer the CRNFA credential, NASC is committed to its partnership with CCI and to supporting the professional values of CRNFA certificants.

CRNFA certificants' current recertification cycles, earning periods, and recertification methods will remain unchanged. Nurses holding the CRNFA and CNOR/CRNFA credentials will receive further communication from CCI via email and letter.

CCI is proud of the CRNFA community and its dedication to providing excellent patient care. We believe NASC is the ideal partner to continue this commitment to current and future certificants.

If you have any questions about this change, please contact our customer service department at info@cc-institute.org or 888.257.2667.

Sincerely,

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