Florida Society of Medical Assistants, Inc.

October 16, 2010

To: Jeanne Von Ohlsen, CMA (AAMA)
FSMA, President

FSMA Executive Council

Re: Public Policy Report

This chair has seen to the duties of Public Policy as outlined in the Policy/Procedure Manual. The Public Policy committee is charged with the task of monitoring legislation in the state of Florida.

In a recent report written by Donald A. Balasa, JD, MBA, Executive Director and Legal Counsel of the AAMA, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) greatly assisted the American Association of Medical Assistants by changing references in its *Model Nursing Practice Act* and *Model Nursing Administrative Rules* from "certified medication assistant" to "medication assistant-certified." This was done in response to the AAMA pointing out to the NCSBN that state legislation creating the title of the "certified mediation aide/assistant" was causing confusion between Certified Medical Assistants or CMAs(AAMA) and medication aides/assistants.

This officer along with committee members will continue to monitor for FSMA any legislation which would impact our medical assisting right to practice.

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