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Dear Ms. Wallman:

The National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) is in support to the May 22, 2008 Federal Register posting by the Office of Management and Budget related to the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) - Policy Committee's Recommendations for the 2010 SOC. We are pleased and thank you for the inclusion of Nurse Practitioners in the Federal SOC.

Although it is past the deadline for official comments, we ask that you consider recognition of Clinical Nurse Specialists in the SOC recommendations. Clinical Nurse Specialists make a unique contribution to the health care team, including their employment and recognition by several federal agencies. CNSs are licensed registered nurses who have graduate preparation and are expert clinicians in a specialized area of nursing practice in a wide variety of health care settings.

Thank you for your consideration of this vital addition to the Standard Occupational Classification for 2010.

Sincerely,

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cc: Sue Ellen Sendelbach, PhD, RN, CCNS, FAHA – NACNS President