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Dear Ms. Fuselier:

Thank you for submitting your Petition for Practice Opinion. Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice of school registered nurses' delegation of the administration of a student's nutrition and medications via gastrojejunostomy tube, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing considered your petition at the April 11, 2012 Board meeting.

That in reference to Board agenda item # **6.1** and in accordance with R.S. 37:913 (14) which states:
§913 (14:)

"Registered nursing" means the practice of the scope of nursing which is appropriate to the individual's educational level, knowledge, skills, and abilities...

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following actions:

Motion # 1 -

That it is within the scope of practice for a school registered nurse to delegate to trained, unlicensed school personnel (in the school setting) the administration of nutrition via a gastrojejunostomy tube connected to an infusion pump contingent upon the school registered nurse's evaluation of the student's condition and evaluation of the unlicensed school personnel's competency. When delegating to trained, unlicensed school personnel (in the school setting) the administration of nutrition via a gastrojejunostomy tube connected to an infusion pump, the school registered nurse retains the responsibility and accountability to assure the delegated intervention is performed in accord with the following:

- a. established standards of practice, product manufacturer's recommendations, agency policies and procedures;
- b. laws governing the practice of registered nursing in Louisiana (LA R.S. 37:911 et seq);
- c. Louisiana Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII. Nurses, Subpart 2. Registered Nurses;
- d. laws governing the practice of school registered nursing in Louisiana (LA R.S. 17);
- e. Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators (Title 28, Education, Part CXV. Bulletin 741);
and
- f. Physician's orders.

Motion # 2 –

That it is within the scope of practice for a school registered nurse to delegate to trained, unlicensed school personnel (in the school setting) the administration of medication via a gastrojejunostomy tube contingent upon the school registered nurse's evaluation of the student's condition and evaluation of the unlicensed school personnel's competency. When delegating to trained, unlicensed school personnel (in the school setting) the administration of medication via a gastrojejunostomy tube, the school registered nurse retains the responsibility and accountability to assure the delegated intervention is performed in accord with the following:

- a. established standards of practice, product manufacturer's recommendations, agency policies and procedures;
- b. laws governing the practice of registered nursing in Louisiana (LA R.S. 37:911 et seq);
- c. Louisiana Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII. Nurses, Subpart 2. Registered Nurses;
- d. laws governing the practice of school registered nursing in Louisiana (LA R.S. 17);
- e. Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators (Title 28, Education, Part CXV. Bulletin 741); and
- f. Physician's orders.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you with your practice petition. Should you need the assistance of board staff in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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