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Dear Ms. Knoblock:

Thank you for submitting your Petition for Practice Opinion. Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice for the de-clotting Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) lines by a registered nurse in the home health setting, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing considered your petition at the April 11, 2012 Board meeting.

That in reference to Board agenda item # **6.2** 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:

That it is not within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to de-clot a Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) line in the home health setting.

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,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director
Louisiana State Board of Nursing

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