

March 25, 2002

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Dear Dr. Farris:

Pursuant to your request regarding reconsideration of nursing practice opinion 01.08 relative to the initiation of standing orders by a registered nurse was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on January 22, 2002. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on March 20, 2002, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.2, that the Board reconsider Nurse practice Opinion 01.08 and reaffirm LAC 46:XLVII.3703.d that states *Executing Health Care Regimes as Prescribed by a Licensed Physician, Dentist, or Authorized prescriber-carrying out the medical orders of a physician, dentist or authorized prescriber in Louisiana. Registered Nurses may execute standing orders of an authorized prescriber provided the said prescriber initiates the standing orders and provided, further, that the said orders do not require the nurse to make a medical diagnosis or to engage in prescriptive activity.* Further, the Committee recommends that the medical staff in conjunction with nursing staff of each institution would determine how the order is initiated in each facility.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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