

June 27, 2003

Debra Harris, RN  
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Dear Ms. Harris:

Pursuant to your request for an advisory opinion regarding the authorized scope of practice of registered nurses delegating to CNAs bowel dis-impaction; the Practice Committee studied your petition relative to bowel dis-impaction in the home health setting on April 15, 2003. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on June 11, 2003, and, after deliberation, the Board adopted the following:

That in reference to agenda item 6.1 that it is **not** within the scope of practice for registered nurses to delegate to unlicensed nursing personnel a bowel dis-impaction in the home health setting.

Contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director, LSBN

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