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Dear Ms. Istre,

Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice of registered nurses functioning as a case managers, the Practice Committee considered your petition at the October 20, 2010 Practice Committee meeting. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing on December 8, 2010.

That in reference to Board agenda item # **6.3** 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:

The Practice committee recommends to the Board that it is within the scope of practice for a Registered Nurse functioning as a Case Manager to do the following:

- Collaborate with treating physician and request opinion on injured worker's functional and physical abilities to determine appropriateness for return to work and vocational rehabilitation referral;
- Scheduling a FCE (Functional Capacity Evaluation) if ordered by physician;
- RN to discuss medical improvement status of patient with physician.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this communication.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director
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