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Ms. Claire P. Millet, Chief Nurse
Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health
628 N. 4th Street
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Dear Ms. Millet,

Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice of registered nurses working under the auspice of DHH-OPH (Department of Health and Hospitals – Office of Public Health) to practice utilizing DHH-OPH protocols and provide STD treatment as specified by DHH-OPH standing orders which follow the CDC's (Centers for Disease Control) current STD treatment guidelines, the Board considered your petition at the March 2, 2011 Board meeting where a motion was issued to direct Board staff to provide research on the topic.

Board staff presented research information and recommendations to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing on May 11, 2011. That in reference to Board agenda item # 6.1 and in accordance with Louisiana 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 Louisiana State Board of Nursing acknowledges the practice of Registered Nurses providing STD treatment as specified by DHH – OPH (Department of Health and Hospitals – Office of Public Health) standing orders has been in place in Louisiana since 1993.
- The Louisiana State Board of Nursing further acknowledges there is nothing to prohibit DHH – OPH from facilitating the training and oversight to Registered Nurses under the auspices of DHH – OPH to practice STD treatment.

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

Sincerely,



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

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