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Dear Ms. Dispenza:

Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice for an advanced practice registered nurse licensed in Louisiana as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner to provide care to patients over the age of 21 who are survivors of childhood cancer, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing considered your petition at the June 13, 2012 Board Meeting.

That in reference to Board agenda item # 6.2 and in accordance with R.S. 37:913 (3)(b) which states:  
**§913 (3)(b):**

*“Advanced practice registered nursing may include certain acts of medical diagnosis, in accordance with R.S. 37:913 (8)[“Collaborative Practice”] and (9)[“Collaborative Practice Agreement”]...*

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following actions:

That it is within the scope of practice for a certified pediatric nurse practitioner licensed in Louisiana to provide services to patients over the age of 21 who are survivors of childhood cancers for the purposes of transition to adult care and screening for late effects of cancer treatments provided the pediatric nurse practitioner has the knowledge, skills, and abilities to do so. Prior to providing such services, the pediatric nurse practitioner must submit a collaborative practice agreement for approval to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (as per RS 37:913(8) and (9) and LAC 46:XLVII.4513.B) which includes these parameters of practice, reflects the mutual agreement with the collaborating physician(s), and identifies mechanisms for establishing and maintaining primary care services for the patients.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
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