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Dear Mr. Rholdon:

Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice for an advanced practice registered nurse licensed in Louisiana as an Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner to provide a full range of primary care services, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing considered your petition at the June 11, 2014 Board Meeting.

That in reference to Board agenda item # 6.2 and in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.4513.B which states:  
*"The patient services provided by an APRN shall be in accord with the educational preparation of that APRN."*

Further, LAC 46:XLVII.4505 relative to the definition of certifying bodies states:  
*"Nationally Recognized Certifying Body—a national certification organization which certifies qualified licensed registered nurses as advanced practice registered nurses and which establishes and requires certain eligibility criteria related to education and practice, offers an examination in an advanced practice nursing role and population which meets current psychometric guidelines and tests, and is approved by the board."*

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following actions:

That it is not within the scope of practice for an acute care pediatric nurse practitioner to provide a full range of primary care services unless additional formal education, certification, and licensure is obtained as a primary care pediatric nurse practitioner and subsequent prescriptive authority documents are provided and approved by the Board. The practices of the acute care pediatric nurse practitioner must be in alignment with the role and population which includes the provision of:

- 1) services designed to meet the specialized needs of pediatric patients with **complex** acute, chronic, and critical health conditions, and
- 2) preventative services that are within the context of restorative and rehabilitative care related to the management of **complex** acute, chronic, and critical health conditions.

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

Sincerely,

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