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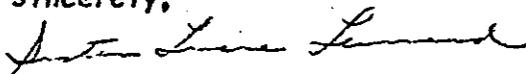
Dear Mrs. Kyle:

The Board of Nursing, at its regular meeting on December 6, 1979, deliberated on the question relative to the legality of registered nurses executing the orders of a licensed podiatrist. The legal definition of the practice of nursing, R.S. 37:913, (3), and the podiatry practice act, RS. 37:611-628, were reviewed as part of the deliberation. After the deliberation, the Board of Nursing issued the following declaratory statement:

R.S. 37:913, (3), authorizes registered nurses to execute "medical regimes as prescribed by a licensed physician or dentist" only. Therefore, the execution of orders of a podiatrist is not within the realm of the legal practice of nursing. Registered nurses may legally execute the orders of a podiatrist only after such orders are signed by a licensed physician or dentist.

If you have questions regarding the above statement, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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