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RE: Registered Nurses Executing Medical
Regimes Prescribed by Physicians Not
Licensed in Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Coerver:

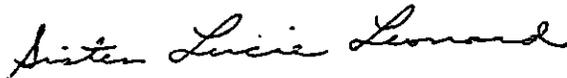
The Board of Nursing held its scheduled meeting on September 4-5, 1980. At this meeting, the Board was requested to interpret the legal definition of nursing, R.S. 37:913, (3), (a), relative to the legality of a registered nurse in Louisiana carrying out the orders of a physician licensed in another state and not in Louisiana. After due deliberation on R.S. 37:913, (3), the DHHR OGC Opinion No. 80-108, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners' opinion and the opinion of the Board of Nursing's legal counsel, the Board formulated the following interpretive statement:

The term "licensed physician or dentist" in R.S. 37:913, (3), (a), means a physician or dentist licensed to practice in Louisiana.

Please note that R.S. 37:913, (3), (a), requires that registered nurses have a prescription (order) for the execution of medical regimes. Therefore, the Board of Nursing's statement applies only to situations involving orders dictating medical regimes.

The Board appreciates your efforts to safeguard the life and health of your patients.

Sincerely,



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