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Dear Ms. Ryan:

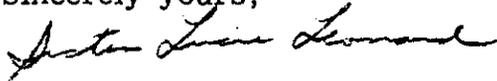
The Board of Nursing held its scheduled meeting on July 22, and 23, 1982. Your request for and opinion of the Board relative to elective Cardioversion in a special care unit was presented to the Board as scheduled on July 22. The material which you sent was circulated to the Board Members in advance of the meeting. The members of the Board expressed appreciation for these materials.

After due deliberation on the issue the Board adopted the following opinion:

The performance of elective cardioversion is not within the realm of the legal practice of nursing in Louisiana.

Please note that the Board is speaking to elective, not emergency, cardioversion. If we can assist you with other nursing practice matters, or if you have any questions relative to the above, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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