

# Louisiana State Board of Nursing

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Dear Ms. Cutillo:

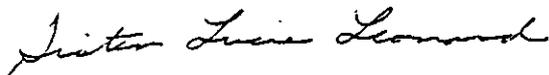
On January 23, 1986, during a regular scheduled meeting, the Board of Nursing reconsidered its previous opinion on the release of a body by a registered nurse, specifically as this opinion relates to situations in non-acute care facilities. The Board members were given the information which you sent and your situation was described to the Board.

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion.

In the absence of a physician in a setting other than an acute care facility, when an anticipated death has apparently occurred, registered nurses may cause to have the decedent removed to the designated funeral home in accordance with a standing order of a medical director/consultant setting forth basic written criteria for a reasonable determination of death.

This does not change the previous opinion of the Board if the death is not expected or if it occurs in an acute care setting.

Sincerely,



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