

January 28, 1987~

Annette Austin, RN, President~
Louisiana Home Health Agency Nursing Directors~
7424 Picardy~
Baton Rouge, LA 70809~

Dear Ms. Austin:~

At its meeting on January 23, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an official opinion regarding the delegation of nursing functions by registered nurses in home health nursing. The Board considered each task which you listed and the decision of the Board is as follows:

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It is not within the realm of practice of the registered nurse to delegate to the licensed practical nurse in a home care setting the tasks of starting infusions; hanging piggybacks; discontinuing infusions; and care of heparin locks, including flushing.

The Board appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you and Bettie Pogue before making a decision in this matter.

If I can further assist you with nursing practice matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,~

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN~
Nursing Practice Consultant~