

May 26, 1987

Mr. Carroll DiBenedetto
Family Court Center Director
Family Court Center
8333 Veterans Memorial Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70807

Dear Mr. DiBenedetto:

At its regular meeting on May 21, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an interpretation of the Board's rules on the delegation of nursing functions as they relate to the registered nurse delegating the administration of medications in a juvenile detention center to an "employee of the court," namely, detention staff persons.

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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It is not within the realm of practice for a registered nurse to delegate to an unlicensed person, i.e., a non-nurse employee of the court, the responsibility of administration of medications to juveniles in custody of the family court.

If you have questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
Nursing Practice Consultant

cc: Charles F. Castile