

July 6, 1987

Constance Harig, RN, BS
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Dear Ms. Harig:

At its meeting on July 2, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request to interpret its rules on delegation. The specific question posed to the Board was: May a registered nurse delegate the irrigation of Hickman and Quinton catheters to licensed practical nurses in an ICF I facility, with a registered nurse in the facility only part of the time?

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 2C, it is not within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to delegate the irrigation of Hickman and Quinton catheters to licensed practical nurses in an ICF I facility with a registered nurse in the house only part of the time.

The members of the Board appreciated your presence at the meeting to provide information to clarify the situation in question.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
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