

January 24, 1990

Edna Treuting, RN, Dr. P.H., Chief Nurse
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Dear Dr. Treuting:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding the delegation to a nurse's aide the drawing of blood for laboratory tests, in a clinic setting with a registered nurse on site, was presented to the Board at its meeting on January 19, 1990.

The Nursing Practice Committee had reviewed all of the information you sent and had studied the issue. At the January 19 meeting, the Committee presented its recommendations to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to Agenda Item 4d, venipunctures to obtain blood specimens may not be delegated to nurse's aides in public health agencies.

The members of the Board appreciated your presence at the meeting to further clarify your situation.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
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