

March 28, 1990

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RE: Nursing Practice Opinion

Dear Ms. Pinsonat:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding the delegation of tube feedings per gastrostomy tubes to unlicensed persons in ICF/MR facilities was presented to the Board at its meeting on March 23, 1990.

The Nursing Practice Committee had reviewed all of the information you sent and had studied the issue. The members of the Committee appreciated your availability for a conference at the meeting to further clarify your situation. At the March 23 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 4a, the delegation of gastrostomy feedings to unlicensed personnel in ICF/MR facilities is in conflict with the administrative rules on the delegation of nursing functions; therefore, it is not within the legal realm of the practice of a registered nurse to delegate gastrostomy feedings to unlicensed personnel in ICF/MR facilities.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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