

July 23, 1990

Terry A. Seal, RN
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RE: Nursing Practice Opinion

Dear Ms. Seal:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding registered nurses working in prehospital settings, particularly providing ambulance services, was presented to the Board at its meeting on July 19, 1990.

The Nursing Practice Committee had reviewed all of the information you and others sent and had studied the issue. At the July 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 # 9, there is nothing in the Nurse Practice Act which prohibits a registered nurse from practicing in a prehospital setting. However, the nurse should pursue the relevant knowledge, skills and abilities to practice safely and effectively in the setting.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me. The members of the Board realize that ambulance services require different skills in different situations. That is the reason for the general response.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
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