

May 19, 1993

Heidi Landry, RN
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Homebound Health Care
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Dear Ms. Landry:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse delegating to a licensed practical nurse the function of administering subcutaneous PCA narcotics, perform subcutaneous site care, and rotate site as needed in the home health setting, if the licensed practical nurse has been properly trained, was presented to the Board at its meeting on May 14, 1993.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied the information you sent and reviewed related previous actions of the Board. Additionally, the Committee held a telephone conference with Charlene Landry, your Assistant Director of Nursing. The Committee members appreciated Ms. Landry's input.

At the May 14, 1993 meeting of the Board, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 4.1, an RN may delegate to the LPN who has documented knowledge, skills and abilities, the function of subcutaneous site care and rotation of site utilizing a PCA narcotic pump. However, an RN may not delegate the initial setup, nor changing flow rates, nor filling/changing medication reservoirs in a home setting.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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