

May 19, 1993

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Dear Ms. Boudreaux:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding the insertion/removal of Norplant by all OB/GYN advanced practitioners of nursing 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. 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 4.2, it is within the realm of the practice of advanced practitioners of nursing recognized by the Board of Nursing to insert and remove the Norplant contraceptive implant as prescribed by a physician, provided that the advanced practitioners have documented evidence of appropriate knowledge, skills and abilities.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

BLM:sll

cc: Joseph M. Miller, Jr, MD, Medical Director
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