

November 21, 1993

Joy E. Monti, RN
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Dear Ms. Monti:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding the increasing number of nurses who refuse assignments, leaving without concern whether patients have any nurse much less sufficient number of nurses to care for patients, was presented to the Board at its meeting on November 18, 1993.

The issue, including the information you sent and related materials, had been studied and debated by the Nursing Practice Committee. The Committee found that certain aspects of the issue relate to violations of the Nurse Practice Act, in which case the Board of Nursing has jurisdiction; other aspects relate to administrative matters which are not within the purview of the Board.

On November 18, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and, after due deliberation, the Board took the following action:

In reference to Agenda Item 4.3, the Board reaffirms the Declaratory Statement Regarding Nursing Accountability and/or Responsibility for Patient Care Assignments and Nursing Care Delivery.

A copy of the above-referenced Declaratory Statement is enclosed.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

Enclosure

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