

November 21, 1993

Debra L. Bourgeois, RN, Service Director  
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Dear Ms. Bourgeois:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse delegating to a home health nursing assistant the obtaining of a urine specimen from the port of an indwelling catheter was presented to the Board at its meeting on November 18, 1993.

The information you sent and all related information were studied by the Nursing Practice Committee. On November 18, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to Agenda Item 4.5, obtaining a urine specimen from a port of an indwelling urinary catheter is considered a non-complex task, and as so, may be delegated by a registered nurse to a home health aide, following the administrative rules on delegation of nursing functions.

A copy of the administrative rules on the delegation of nursing functions is enclosed for your reference.

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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