

May 17, 1995

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Dear Ms. Copple:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding the delegation of capillary blood glucose testing to unlicensed assistive personnel who have documented evidence of competency was presented to the Board at its May 12, 1995 meeting.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied your request, reviewed relevant articles from the nursing literature, and reviewed previous related opinions of the Board. At its April 10, 1995 meeting, the Committee formulated a recommendation to the Board of Nursing. On May 12, 1995 the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 4.2, it is within the scope of practice for the registered nurse to delegate capillary blood glucose testing to unlicensed assistive personnel provided the unlicensed assistant has written documentation of skills and competency every six (6) months, which is readily available for each RN to validate prior to delegation. In addition, that rules on delegation are according to LAC 46:XLVII.3703.A.12.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN

Executive Director

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