

November 20, 1996

Connie Crosier, R.N.  
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Dear Ms. Crosier:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse delegating to the LPN the performance of tracheostomy suctioning was presented to the Board at its meeting on November 20, 1996.

The information you sent and related information were studied by the Nursing Practice Committee. On November 20, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In response to Agenda Item #4.11, it is not within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to delegate to an LPN the performance of tracheostomy suctioning in a long term care facility in accord with LAC 46:XLVII.3703.A when the results are not predictable.

However, this does not prevent the LPN from performing pharyngeal suctioning.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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