

May 19, 1997

Tom Qualey, RN  
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Dear Mr. Qualey:

Your request for the Board of Nursing to reconsider its previous opinion regarding a registered nurse delegating to the LPN the performance of tracheostomy suction was presented to the Board at its meeting on May 15, 1997.

The information you sent and related information was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee. On May 15, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 3.1, that it is 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 when the results are predictable.

Hopefully, the statement of this opinion is clearer in its intent. If you have questions about this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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