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Dear Ms. Oriol:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding registered nurses delegating clean intermittent catheterization to unlicensed personnel was presented to the Nursing Practice Committee at its meeting on July 28, 1997.

The information you sent and related information was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee. On September 5, 1997 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, it is within the scope of practice that a registered nurse may delegate clean intermittent catheterization to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP) in a home health setting in non-complex situations in compliance with rules on delegation provided: the UAP has had a minimum of eight hours of classroom training and supervised practice relative to catheterization; that a mechanism is in place for an RN to evaluate continuing performance of the UAP's knowledge, skills, and abilities; and that this information is documented in the said UAP's file and readily available to the RN.

The Committee and the Board Members appreciated the well-organized, informative materials that you provided with your request.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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