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Dear Mr. Teeter:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse delegating to a LPN or non-licensed persons the performance of triage screening in the emergency room was presented to the Nursing Practice Committee 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 3.6, it is not within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to delegate the task of performing triage screening in the Emergency Room Department.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director

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