

September 10, 1997

Karen Silady, RN  
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Dear Ms. Silady:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse delegating medication administration to unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) 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 3.8, that before any additional opinions are adopted by the Board of Nursing relative to the administration of medication by unlicensed assistive personnel that:

- 1) Forums be conducted throughout the State to allow nurses and other interested parties to express their concerns and opinions;
- 2) A Task Force be established to identify the agenda and sites for these forums;
- 3) The Task Force make recommendations to the Board regarding the administration of medications by unlicensed assistive personnel; and
- 4) The Board's rules, Chapter 37, Nursing Practice, be revised only after the Board had the opportunity to take under consideration the recommendations of the Task Force.

Further, that the Board's President assign the members of the Task Force which may include but not be limited to representatives from: DHH, nursing education (CANE), acute care, home health, public health, nursing homes, daycare centers (adult and pediatric), MRDD, school nurses, and group homes.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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