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Dear Ms. Rose:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing to reconsider a previous opinion regarding a registered nurse delegating to an LPN the total care of a patient with MRSA to include central line dressing change, IV medications and wound care was presented to the Nursing Practice Committee on October 20, 1997.

The information you sent and related information was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee. On November 20, 1997 the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 4.5, that the Board reaffirms its previous opinion that an RN may not delegate to an LPN IV functions and wound care when the patient is in the acute phase of MRSA. Furthermore, when the acute phase has resolved, the RN may delegate to the LPN those IV functions approved by the Board.

The Committee and Board appreciate the well-organized, informative materials that you provided.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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