

May 21, 1998

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Dear Ms. McCutchen:

Your request for an opinion of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing regarding the educational requirements for a registered nurse administering analgesic doses of intrathecal and epidural pain medication in the home health setting was presented to the Board of Nursing.

The information you sent and related information was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on April 7, 1998 and the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on May 13, 1998, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.5, that the Board of Nursing reaffirm their previous opinion 90.22 regarding RNs administering intrathecal & epidural pain management in the home health setting provided that the infusion is maintained on a pump and that the RN has met the educational requirements and all other provisos in accord with npop 90.22.

The Board expressed appreciation for your attendance and participation in the discussion of this request at the Nursing Practice Committee meeting. If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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