

May 17, 1999

Susan L. Chiquelin
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Lafayette Parish School Board
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Dear Ms. Chiquelin:

Pursuant to your request regarding a school registered nurse delegating the administration of rectal Diastat in the school setting, your request and the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on April 7, 1999. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on May 12, 1999, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.5, that the Board amend nurse practice opinion 98.21 to read that it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to instill rectal Diastat in a school setting provided that the school system provides a registered nurse to be only assigned to the school where the student is attending and based on the registered nurse's assessment and in collaboration with the student's parents and physician determine the necessary plan of care, inclusive of emergency equipment, to be provided by the school system, to ensure the student's safety in the event that the student has an adverse reaction to the Diastat. Furthermore, the registered nurse may not delegate the instillation of rectal Diastat to an unlicensed school employee.

Additionally, an RN may delegate the instillation of rectal Diastat to an LPN provided that the above provisos regarding the administration of the drug have been met.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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