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Senator John Alario, Jr, President
Louisiana Senate
P.O. Box 94183
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Dear Senator Alario,

Pursuant to R.S.49.968 (D)(1)(b), the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) hereby announces it plan to proceed with rule-making of section §3703 and §3709 by finalizing the March 20, 2016, Notice of Intent that was promulgated on pages 459-462 of the *Louisiana Register*.

This rule-making is informed by authority of the LSBN granted in R.S. 37.918 to develop, adopt and revise rules and regulations in the Louisiana Nurse Practice Act. The addition to Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII Chapter 37 will be LAC 46:XLVII 3709 and revisions to LAC 46:XLVII 3703.A.a.iv.c . The proposed rule changes to LAC 46:XLVII 3703.A.a.iv.c would allow for unlicensed medical assistive personnel, specifically certified medical assistants, to provide such services as medication administration. The Nurse Practice Act provides that the registered nurse may delegate selected nursing functions approved by the Board. Specific criteria must be met in order for the registered nurse to delegate tasks and or functions. The addition of a new section LAC 46:XLVII 3709 will provide the requirements deemed necessary to allow registered nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) the authority to delegate medication administration in outpatient clinic settings for patients with stable and predictable health conditions.

The LSBN has received four comments from individual constituents' in which one was in favor of and three were against the proposed rule. We have not received comments that represent a group of twenty-five or more, therefore LSBN did not conduct a hearing pursuant to R.S.49:953(A)(2). A preamble will be provided to each constituent and a copy of the preamble is included along with this report.

Subject to legislative oversight by either the House or Senate Health and Welfare Committee, the board intends to submit a Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication. Please contact Dr. Karen Lyon at 225-755-7576 if the board may be of any assistance to you concerning this rule.

Sincerely,

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