

November 20, 1996

Ladonna Englerth  
Administrator, East Carroll Parish Hospital  
226 North Hood Street  
Lake Providence, LA 71254

Dear Ms. Englerth:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding an advanced practice registered nurse certified as a family nurse practitioner functioning independently (taking call rotation) in the emergency room was presented to the Board at its meeting on November 20, 1996.

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

In response to Agenda Item #4.1, it is the opinion of Louisiana State Board of Nursing that the family nurse practitioner may function in the emergency room setting within the scope of practice of the advanced practice registered nurse, but it is not within the scope of practice for the family nurse practitioner to be placed on an emergency room call roster/rotation as a substitute for the emergency room physician.

The Nursing Practice Committee and the entire Board appreciated your presence and contributions, as well as those of the other interested persons, at the meetings.

If you have questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director

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