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Ann Burgin, APRN
Ambulatory Director
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Dear Mrs. Burgin:

Pursuant to your request as to whether it is permissible for the RN manager to allow instillation of eye drops by a person with a bachelor of science degree in Ophthalmic Medical Technology (OMT) in the setting of an Ophthalmology Clinic in which the physician is present, the Board rendered the following nurse practice opinion:

Based on the information presented, it is not within the scope of practice for the RN to delegate the complex task such as medication administration to an Ophthalmic Medical Technologist (OMT).

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this communication.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director
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