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Ms. Ethel Bernard-Ambrose
Director of Nursing
LSU/HCSO W.O. Moss Regional Medical Center
1000 Walters Street
Lake Charles, LA 70607

Dear Ms. Bernard-Ambrose,

Pursuant to your December 6, 2006 petition for declaratory statement regarding whether it is within the scope of practice for an RN to insert the flexible endoscopes into an orifice; gastroscope in the mouth and esophagus, the colonoscope or sigmoidoscope into the rectum.

The Board has approved the following motion rendered at the January 23, 2007 Practice Committee: It is **not** within the scope of practice for an RN to insert the flexible endoscopes into an orifice; gastroscope in the mouth and esophagus, the colonoscope or sigmoidoscope into the rectum

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

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