

June 16, 2000

Ellen Hebert, RN
Director of Nursing
Jeff Davis Home Health
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Dear Ms. Hebert:

Pursuant to your request regarding RNs delegating to unlicensed personnel the changing of a colostomy appliance on a mature, established stoma, the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on April 25, 2000. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on June 14, 2000, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.2, that it is within the administrative rules on delegation when the registered nurse performs the functions of assessment, evaluation, and decision-making of the mature established colostomy in the home health setting to delegate the action of changing the colostomy appliance to an unlicensed person who has the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to do so and it is documented in their record.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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