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Dear Ms. Turner:

Pursuant to your request regarding the scope of practice of registered nurses performing Microdermabrasion in an outpatient setting under the supervision of the physician, the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on July 17, 2001. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on August 12, 2001, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.8, that it is within the scope of practice for an RN to perform microdermabrasion provided that the physician has assessed the patient and prescribes the treatment and that the said RN has documented knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the said procedure.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director

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