

March 18, 2003

Kelly Ratliff, RN  
St. John Parish School Nurses  
104 Haig Point.  
LaPlace, LA 70068

Dear Ms. Ratliff:

Pursuant to your request regarding school nurses delegating to unlicensed school employees the administration of emergency PRN medications, specifically unit dose inhalers and nebulizer treatments for asthma, when the student is unable to self-administer was studied by the practice Committee on February 14, 2003. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on March 12, 2003, and, after deliberation, the Board adopted the following:

That in reference to agenda item 6.3 that it is within the scope of practice for school nurses, based on the their assessment and in collaboration with the child's physician and parents, when a characteristic set of symptoms occur for a specific student that the school nurse may delegate to trained unlicensed school personnel the prescribed PRN metered dose inhalant for students with asthma.

Contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director, LSBN

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