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Ms. Elizabeth L. Wells, RN
Administrator
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Dear Ms. Wells,

Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice of registered nurses working in a home care setting to measure intraocular pressure of the patient at home using a non-contact tonometer; the Practice Committee considered your petition at the January 22, 2008 Practice Committee meeting. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on March 19, 2008, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following action:

That in reference to agenda item 6.3 and in accordance with R.S. 37:913 (14)(l) that it is within the scope of practice for a qualified RN working in a home care setting to measure intraocular pressure of the patient at home using a non-contact tonometer.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director
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