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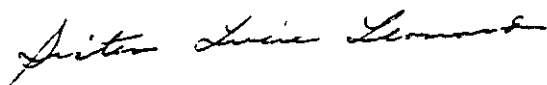
Dear Ms. Lower-Walker:

On March 13, 1986, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your questions regarding what constitutes adequate training of unlicensed personnel in the Board's rules on the delegation of nursing functions by the registered nurse to unlicensed personnel, (R.N. 3.02 (1) (L)). Following is the Board's opinion regarding the intent of this rule.

In the opinion of the Board, in R.N. 3.02 (1) (L) 1) a), the definition of "adequately trained" is the completion of a formal training or institutional program and subsequent abilities to meet R.N. 3.02 (1) (L) 1) b), c), d), e) and f).

The Board appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with Wilma Salmon. Ms. Salmon explained your legislative proposal and responded to questions. The majority of the Board members believe that certification of nursing home aides would increase the cost of nursing home care without any guarantee of improving the quality of the care.

Sincerely,



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