

February 1, 1989

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RE: Nursing Practice

Your File: JCBjr/mhl:1641M

Dear Mr. Basham:

References are to your letter of October 20, 1988, addressed to Barbara L. Morvant and to your January 18, 1989 letter addressed to me.

Your request for an official opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding the scope of responsibility and authority of registered nurses (specifically your question number 2 regarding the receipt of verbal orders and question number 8 regarding a nurse's response to a DNR order) was presented to the Board of Nursing at its scheduled meeting on January 27, 1989.

All correspondence regarding this request, the Louisiana Living Will legislation and excerpts from the literature regarding verbal orders were reviewed by the members of the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following action:

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The items requested in agenda item 7a are not within the realm of the Board of Nursing to render an opinion since these items are covered by federal and state statutes and by accreditation standards.

Copies of the references used by the Board are enclosed for your file. They may be helpful to you in your decision-making.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
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Enclosures