

Nursing Practice Consultant

May 28, 1990

Tina Hickey, RN  
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Dear Ms. Hickey:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding the job description for a "Primary Nurse/Nurse Case Manager" which was implemented at Charter Forest Hospital, Shreveport, was presented to the Board of Nursing at its meeting on May 25, 1990.

The Nursing Practice Committee had reviewed all of the information you sent and had studied the issue. The members of the Committee appreciated your availability for a conference at the meeting to further clarify your situation. At the May 25 meeting, the Committee presented its recommendations to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item #9, the Board of Nursing confirms that the concern of registered nurses over the job description for a "Primary Nurse/Nurse Case Manager" at Charter Forest Hospital, Shreveport, particularly the provision in the job description that the registered nurse supervises only less experienced personnel, is justifiable considering the fact that the Legal Standards of Nursing Practice, the administrative rules on supervision, and the administrative rules on the delegation of nursing functions all provide that the registered nurse is responsible for the overall care of the patient. The provision in the job description is in direct opposition to the above-referenced Standards and rules.

A copy of the above-referenced rules is enclosed for your file. If you have questions about this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,