

March 27, 1991

Angela P. Shockley, RN
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RE: Nursing Practice Opinion

Dear Ms. Shockley:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding the delegation of the administration of gastrostomy tube feedings to unlicensed persons in VOA group homes was presented to the Board at its meeting on March 22, 1991.

The Nursing Practice Committee had studied the matter at two meetings and made a recommendation to the Board. The Board also heard a report of a site visit made by the Executive Director and the Nursing Practice Consultant to the two VOA group homes where the clients are fed by gastrostomy tubes.

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item #4, the VOA ICF/MR homes in New Orleans meet the criteria for delegation, LAC 46: XLVII.3703.A.12, as they relate to the delegation of gastrostomy tube feedings to unlicensed personnel. Further, this opinion is specific to VOA and should not be broadly applied to other situations.

The members of the Board appreciated your presence at the meeting as well as the additional information you presented.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director