

May 27, 1996

Sharon Lowery, RN
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Dear Ms. Lowery:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding if it is within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to delegate to an LPN the nursing function of administering a continuous subcutaneous infusion pump was presented to the Nursing Practice Committee at its April 8, 1996 meeting.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied the issue and formulated a recommendation to the Board of Nursing. On May 16, 1996 the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In response to Agenda Item 4.11:

The registered nurse may delegate to the LPN in a long term care setting a continuous subcutaneous infusion via pump as long as the said LPN has the documented knowledge, skills, and abilities with annual documentation of competency.

The registered nurse shall not delegate any nursing task related to the maintenance or administration of subcutaneous infusion when the patient is receiving: investigational drugs; cancer therapeutic drugs; blood and blood products; and hyperalimentation (TPN) solutions.

If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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