

February 14, 1999

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Dear Ms. Ziebol:

Pursuant to your request for an opinion of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing regarding registered nurses delegating GTube/PEG tube feedings to a caregiver in a day care setting, your request and the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on January 7, 1999. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on February 10, 1999, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.2, it is within the scope of practice for an RN to teach unlicensed personnel in a day care setting to administer tube feedings with a gastrostomy/PEG tube in accordance with the Board's rules on delegation and provided that the agency has an appropriate policy to assure RN availability (accessible by telephone) and reasonable response time to the facility.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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