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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 13, 2001

TO: St. Martin Parish School Nurses
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FROM: Patricia Ladner, MN, RN
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RE: Nursing Practice

This will serve to acknowledge receipt of your request regarding the *scope of practice of registered nurses administering immunizations in the school*. In accordance with the Louisiana School Health Guide, Bulletin #1707 the responsibility of the professional school nurse is "checking immunization status of each pupil and referring those of insufficient levels". Furthermore, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners issued a position statement in December, 1996 prohibiting the administration of influenza, pneumonia, diphtheria, tetanus, or other vaccines; "a nurse's legal capacity to administer vaccines requires the order of a physician given with respect to an identified, individual patient. Enclosed is a copy of the Medical Board's position statement.

Contact me if you have any questions regarding this communication.

Enclosure

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