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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
cc: file