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Melanie V. Cooper, RN  
Ascension Parish School Board  
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Donaldsonville, LA 70346

Dear Ms. Cooper,

Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice of registered nurses to administer Focalin XR 10mg orally per physician's orders; the Practice Committee considered your petition at the October 20, 2009 Practice Committee meeting. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on December 9, 2009, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following action:

That in reference to agenda item 6.2 and in accordance with R.S. 37:913 (14)(l) that it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to administer Focalin XR 10mg orally per physician's orders.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this communication.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director  
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