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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Patricia Ladner, MN, RN *PL*
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RE: Nursing Practice

Pursuant to your request regarding the scope of responsibility for a regular education (school) nurse, please find a copy of the Board's Nursing Practice rules which would apply as follows:

- ◆ The school nurse, registered nurse, is responsible for and accountable to each consumer of nursing care for the quality of nursing care he or she receives, regardless of whether the care is provided solely by the registered nurse (school nurse) or by the registered nurse in conjunction with other licensed (special education nurse) or unlicensed personnel.
- ◆ If the nursing coordinators are responsible for assigning school nurses and directing the nursing care they are also responsible for the quality of care rendered.
- ◆ In a situation where both the school nurse and special education nurse are present, both nurses are responsible for their own actions, and since the school nurse serves in the capacity of a charge nurse similar to a hospital setting, the school nurse would be responsible for the overall quality of nursing care.

If I can further assist you with nursing practice matters, please contact me.

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