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MEMORANDUM

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RE: Nursing Practice

This will serve to acknowledge receipt of your request regarding the *scope of practice of registered nurses delegating care of a diabetic student to an LPN with documented child-specific training to monitor blood glucose, carbohydrate intake and the bolus insulin injections via the insulin pump.* In accordance with the Board's rules on delegation to an LPN, the nursing intervention must be based on a relatively fixed and limited body of scientific fact:

- ◆ the management of an insulin pump must be performed by a licensed nurse;
- ◆ measuring carbohydrate intake requires the integration of scientific principles and decision making and, may not be delegated to an LPN;
- ◆ administration of medications by IV push (bolus) is prohibited in the rules.

When considering the delegation of a nursing intervention to an LPN in the school setting, the RN must consider the degree of supervision as required in the Law governing the scope of practice of LPNs. Realizing that any school that receives federal funding is obliged to accommodate the special needs of children with diabetes, health care arrangements in accordance with the Board's rules will have to be provided for this insulin pump dependent kindergarten student.