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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 30, 2000

TO: Bridget Causey, RN, BSN
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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 delegating insulin injection and the management of insulin pumps to unlicensed trained school staff*. In accordance with the law, R.S. 17:436.1, "Except in life threatening situations, trained unlicensed school employees may not administer injectable medications". The law also requires RNs to practice in accordance with the Board's rules on delegation except as set forth in R.S. 17:436.1; the management of insulin pumps is a complex task that may not be delegated to unlicensed personnel. The health care services regarding insulin injection and management of a insulin pump must be performed by a licensed nurse. Delegation of this function to an LPN must be in accordance with the Board of Nursing's rules on delegation.

Enclosed is a copy of the Board of Nursing's rules on nursing practice. Also enclosed is the Board's form to request an official opinion of the Board of Nursing if you disagree with my response to your query. To request an opinion of the Board of Nursing, answer all questions, type your response, and return the form to the Board's office. The next meeting of the Nursing Practice Committee is scheduled for January 22, 2001.

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

Enclosure
cc: file