

November 20, 1996

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Dear Ms. Dayle:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse delegating to unlicensed assistive personnel the performance of phlebotomy was presented to the Board at its meeting on November 20, 1996.

The information you sent and related information were studied by the Nursing Practice Committee. On November 20, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In response to Agenda Item #4.4, that the registered nurse can delegate to an unlicensed assistive personnel the performance of phlebotomy provided that the person has the knowledge, skills, and current clinical competence and that this information is in the person's file and is readily available to the registered nurse.

If you have questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Cathy Patton  
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