

BEFORE THE ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF:) **PETITION FOR**
)
J. DANIEL RAULERSON,) **DECLARATORY RULING**
M.D.)
Petitioner.)

DECLARATORY RULING

Comes now the Alabama Board of Nursing, by and through its Executive Officer, N. Genell Lee, RN, MSN, JD, and issues the following ruling:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On October 3, 2003, the Alabama Board of Nursing received from Petitioner a request to allow licensed practical nurses to give intravenous infusions of fluids or medications to nursing home patients in an emergency situation. In his request, Petitioner specifically requested that licensed practical nurses be allowed to administer fifty percent dextrose in water (D50W) to a hypoglycemic patient in an emergency situation.
2. The Petitioner acknowledged in his request that it is beyond the legal scope of practice for licensed practical nurses to administer D50W by intravenous push, but he requested an exception from this Rule due to the shortage of and expense of hiring registered nurses on all shifts in a nursing home.
3. Pursuant to Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code § 610-X-6-.11, it is not within the scope of practice for licensed practical nurses to administer direct intravenous bolus medications.
4. The Petitioner did not provide specific information on the extent of the patient’s hypoglycemia and other symptoms, state whether other attempts had been made to raise the resident’s blood sugar levels, whether the patient qualified for admittance to a hospital, or whether he was asking for the licensed practical nurse to establish access to a central venous line, etc.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over this request pursuant to Alabama Code 1975, § 34-21-21 and the Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code § 610-X-1-.11.
2. The Petitioner, who assumedly is making this request on behalf of the entire

class of licensed practical nurses affected by this Rule, is substantially affected by Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code § 610-X-6-.11, as pursuant to this Rule, licensed practical nurses cannot perform the function at issue.

RULING

The Petition for a Declaratory Ruling is denied based upon the evidence presented by the Petitioner for the Board's review.

DONE and **ORDERED** this 20th day of November, 2003.
ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

N. GENELL LEE, RN, MSN, JD
EXECUTIVE OFFICER