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ADVISORY REGARDING HOME NURSES WITH MEDICATIONS IN THEIR POSSESSION
WHILE IN THE ROLE OF HOME HEALTH NURSE

The NH BON met on April 19, 2018 to discuss a previous board decision from 1995 that addressed nurses who carry specific medications while in the role of home health nurse.

The board voted to discontinue support of the 1995 decision to approve specific medications to be carried by the home health nurse. The board stated that 1) board of nursing statute and rules do not address medications; 2) there is no evidence to support this practice and 3) medications that are administered should be client specific with a provider order.

Home Health Agencies that espouse this practice should have relevant policy and procedures in place for safe handling and appropriate administration.

For the Board,

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