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Dear Ms. Walker-Cillo:

Thank you for your e-mail dated November 7, 2007. The New Jersey Board of Nursing Practice Committee reviewed your question on whether implementation of standing orders is within the scope of practice for Registered Professional Nurses.

This will confirm that the New Jersey Board of Nursing supports the use of standing orders by Registered Professional Nurses providing:

1. The standing orders of authorized prescribers are implemented by Registered Professional Nurses who are properly educated and credentialed to assess patient needs, and to implement standing orders within the boundaries of practice protocols. (See N.J.S.A. 45:11-23(b).)
2. Standing orders are written by New Jersey licensed practitioners who have prescriptive authority. (See N.J.A.C. 8:43G - 16.1(b), 18.6(a), and 23.6(g).)

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 973-504-6516, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

George J. Hebert, R.N., M.A.  
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