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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Administrators of Renal Dialysis Facilities

**FROM:** Gwen C. Thompson, Bureau Chief  
Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing

**SUBJECT:** Nurse Practice Act- LPN Medication Review

Regulations 61-97, Standards For Licensing Renal Dialysis Facilities, Section 405.H, requires that "A physician, pharmacist or registered nurse shall review at least monthly all medications prescribe by the facility's physician for each patient, for potential adverse reactions, allergies, interactions, etc."

As described in the Nurse Practice Act and verified with the South Carolina Board of Nursing, the scope of practice for LPNs permits an LPN to review medications. Therefore, in the interest of establishing reasonable standards which do not compromise the health and welfare of patients receiving services in renal dialysis facilities, we have determined that it is acceptable to also include an LPN as a reviewer of patient medications.

This memorandum applies to any renal dialysis facility licensed by the Department. It relates solely to South Carolina licensing standards. Any adverse condition(s) that may be related to this memorandum may result in revocation of the exception by the Department.

If there are any questions, you may call the Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing at (803) 545-4370.

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