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The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (Board) is created and authorized at General Laws (G.L.) c. 13, §§ 13, 14, 14A, 15 and 15D, and G.L. c. 112, §§ 74 through 81C to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth through the regulation of nursing practice and education, and the issuance of advisory rulings. The Board has legal authority to promulgate regulations that govern nursing practice and nursing education. These regulations are contained at 244 CMR 3.00 - 9.00, and are available on the Board's website (www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn) for your review and reference.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §§ 80 and 80A: *Violations of provisions relating to professional nursing and Violations of provisions relating to practical nursing*: "a nonresident, licensed to practice professional nursing in another jurisdiction, may attend upon a nonresident of the commonwealth temporarily abiding here".

So, yes!! You are welcome to practice nursing with the students and others you accompany. This ruling applies to Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses. Should practice in your jurisdiction include the delegation of "medication to be administered by unlicensed personnel", such practice is acceptable and pursuant to the delegation arrangement in your jurisdiction.

The Board would like to be clear in its response by stating that you may not practice nursing in Massachusetts for any individual that does not accompany you from the jurisdiction in which you are currently licensed.

Please be advised that the response of the Board to individual practice inquiries represent the Board's interpretation of the legal scope of nursing practice. This response is valid only in the context in which it is rendered; it does not have general applicability, as do statutes, regulations or advisory rulings on nursing practice.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Talarico".

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