

## Guidance Document: 90-2

### **The Boards Of Medicine And Nursing Accepted The Following As Guidelines For An Agency To Use In Determining Its Own Policy:**

The Committee of the Joint Boards of Medicine and Nursing met on December 9, 1982. A report of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Transmittal of Third Party Orders was presented by Dr. E. L. Kendig, Jr. The Committee voted to accept the following statement to be published as a recommendation from the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing:

Physician's orders should be transmitted by them directly to a licensed nurse. When circumstances preclude the above, the direct transmittal of such orders may be through a third party to the licensed nurse. The physician assumes responsibility for the orders transmitted by such a third party and understands that the licensed nurse employed by the hospital has the right and responsibility to talk to the physician concerning an order for which the nurse needs clarification.

The licensed nurse employed by the hospital will include the name of the third party transmitting a physician order on the order sheet, e.g. M. Smith, R.N. or LPN/ J. Brown (status)/ Dr. Miles.

Both the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing have approved this statement in 1983.