

## **Virginia Board of Nursing**

### **Administration of Certain Over-the-Counter Drugs by Certified Nurse Aides**

Whereas the Drug Control Act does not address the administration of over-the-counter (“OTC”) medication, certified nurse aides employed in nursing homes who have been appropriately trained by licensed nurses to do so may administer OTC topical medication intended to prevent skin breakdown to patients.

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