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<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Interested Party</b>	<b>Opinion</b>
March-95	Dispensing medications	Alaska Native Medical Center	Dispensing medications is not within the scope of practice of a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in Alaska.
September-97	flush Groshong catheters or PICC lines	Providence Kodiak Home Care Agency	A licensed practical nurse may not flush Groshong catheters or PICC lines with normal saline.
September-99	intravenous medications.	dialysis clinic	The administration of intravenous medications is not a task that can be delegated by a registered nurse to a licensed practical nurse. Delegating intravenous medication administration to a licensed practical nurse is considered unprofessional conduct. UPDATED IN APPENDIX 4 WHICH ALLOWS FOR AN EXPERIENCED (> 6 MONTHS IN PRACTICE) LPN TO INITIALIZE PERIPHERAL IV THERAPY, HANG PRE-MIXED SOLUTIONS, INCLUDING PIGGYBACK MEDICATIONS, AND ONGOING ADMINISTRATION OF TPN SOLUTIONS INCLUDING LIPIDS, VIA PERIPHERAL LINES.
March-01	independent work in school	Response to letter from Geis, RN, with copy to Fairbanks School District	A licensed practical nurse may not work independently in a school nurse role.
December-01	filling medisets	pharmacist	A licensed practical nurse may not prefill medication sets; Pre-filling medication sets is "dispensing" rather than "administering" medications.
March-02	filling medisets	assisted living home owners	Filling medication sets is considered dispensing by law and is not a change in scope of practice of an Licensed Practical Nurse.

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June-02	triage	Phyllis Boskofsky, RN, Maniilaq Health Center, Kotzebue	if patient assessments were being done, it would be outside the scope of practice for the LPN.
September-02	filling medisets		This decision overturns the Board's decision of December 2001 stating that pre-filling medisets was dispensing a service outside the scope of practice for Licensed Practical Nurses.
September-04	Licensed Practical Nurse scope of practice		Board readopts Appendix A, Position Statement, Scope of Practice for Licensed Practical Nurses
September-05	chemotherapy	Deborah Fox	chemotherapy is outside the scope of practice for Licensed Practical Nurse
December-07	delegation decision tree		the board adopted the Ohio and the National Council on State Boards of Nursing decision trees for making delegation judgments.
December-07	scope of practice delegation tree		the board adopted the Arizona decision tree to aid Licensed Practical Nurses in making judgments.