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QUESTION: Is it within the scope and practice of a registered nurse (RN) to administer first dose antibiotics in the home setting?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the scope and practice of a RN to administer first dose antibiotics in the home setting providing the environment is supportive to emergency medical care. The Board also recommends that the home health agency develops written policies, procedures and standing orders which specify patient situations whereby the RN is authorized to administer first dose antibiotics.

This statement is an advisory opinion of the Board of Nursing as to what constitutes competent and safe nursing practice.