



butalbital (Schedule III), hydromorphone (Schedule II), and oxymorphone (Schedule II). After reviewing the results from the UDS, Mary Washington Hospital administrators requested that Ms. Vernon take a blood test to quantify the specific amounts of each medication present. Ms. Vernon refused to take the blood test. As a result of her refusal to take the blood test, Ms. Vernon's employment was terminated on November 20, 2009.

4. In an interview with an investigator from the Department of Health Professions, the Mary Washington Hospital Associate Director of Wellness stated that after receiving the UDS results, Ms. Vernon stated that "she wanted help getting off narcotics."

5. According to the Virginia Prescription Monitoring Program Report, over the 12 month period between December 2008 and November 2009, Ms. Vernon obtained 45 prescriptions for pain medication from 11 different providers, and made purchases from nine different pharmacies. One of Ms. Vernon's treatment providers terminated her care because she violated a "pain agreement" by failing to notify him that she had obtained prescriptions for pain medication from another provider at the same time that he was prescribing pain medication.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Findings of Fact Nos. 3, 4, and 5 constitute a violation of §54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

### **ORDER**

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:


1. License No. 0002-057447 issued to Andrea Vernon, L.P.N., to practice as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED for not less than two years.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended.
3. At such time as Ms. Vernon shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license,

an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of practical nursing. Ms. Vernon shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice practical nursing.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.


FOR THE BOARD

  
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Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
ENTERED

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

**Certified True Copy**  
By   
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**Virginia Board of Nursing**