

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: STACY ELAINE PAUL, R.N.
License Number: 0001-233421
Case Number: 171612**

RATIFICATION AND ORDER

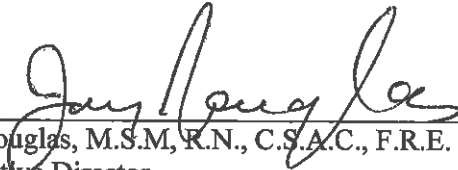
On January 25, 2017, a panel of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Stacy Elaine Paul, R.N., did not appear but submitted written comments.

In consideration whereof, the Board of Nursing ACCEPTS the attached Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Agency Subordinate and ADOPTS the Recommended Order in its entirety.

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

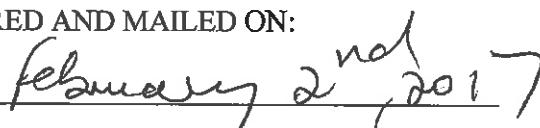
Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Paul may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on March 7, 2017, notify Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

FOR THE BOARD



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

ENTERED AND MAILED ON:



February 2nd, 2017

This Order shall become final on March 7, 2017, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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By 

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE

Jurisdiction and Procedural History

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”), held an informal conference on November 7, 2016 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Stacy Elaine Paul, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Paul appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Agency Subordinate makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and recommends that the Board adopt the following Order.

Notice

By letter dated October 7, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Paul notifying her that an informal conference would be held on November 7, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. Stacy Elaine Paul, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-233421 to practice Registered Nurse on August 31, 2011, which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2018. At all times relevant to the findings herein, said license was in full force and effect. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Ms. Paul violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that during the course of her employment with Preferred Pediatrics, Fredericksburg, Virginia, on six occasions from February 5, 2015 through March 3, 2015, Ms. Paul prepared fraudulent physician notes on company letterhead indicating that her children had been seen by a physician for various injuries. The notes contained medical diagnostic codes along with a written diagnosis and Ms. Paul submitted the notes to her insurance company as accidental injury claims for monetary compensation.

3. Ms. Paul stated that she provided the diagnostic codes based on a manual that was kept in the office and typed the doctor's name. Ms. Paul submitted six claims that could not be verified, for a total of \$720.00. Ms. Paul indicated at the informal conference that the physician had seen the children informally but had not entered notes into their record. At the informal conference, Ms. Paul submitted documentation that she was reimbursing the \$720.00 and has an outstanding balance of \$120.00.

4. Ms. Paul worked at Preferred Pediatrics off and on for 11 years. She is currently employed at Falls Hill Gastroenterology Endoscopy Center.

Recommended Order

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Agency Subordinate recommends that the Board issue an Order as follows:

1. Stacy Elaine Paul, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. Stacy Elaine Paul, R.N., shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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By: 
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Reviewed and approved on November 21, 2016
By Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D.
Agency Subordinate