

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: MARTA SARAIVIA, L.P.N.  
License No.: 0002-071159**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) met on February 18, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Marta Saravia, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. Saravia was present and was not represented counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Marta Saravia, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-071159 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on May 3, 2005. Said license expires on August 31, 2016. Ms. Saravia’s primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated January 21, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Saravia notifying her that an informal conference would be held on February 18, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 3342 Lockheed Boulevard, #203, Alexandria, Virginia 22306, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. During the course of her employment with Northern Virginia Training Center, Fairfax, Virginia:

a. On February 7, 8, and 9, 2015, Ms. Saravia failed to follow Resident A’s physician’s order to flush her nephrostomy tube every other day in that she flushed the resident’s tube every day.

b. On February 8, 2015, Ms. Saravia failed to provide incontinence care to Resident A, who was found by another employee to be soaked with urine. Further, she failed to take Resident A's vital signs as ordered by her physician during Ms. Saravia's shift.

4. Ms. Saravia was not able to adequately explain to the Committee the discrepancies between Resident A's physician's order and Ms. Saravia's documentation in the medical record. In addition, she had more than one explanation for her documentation issues. Ms. Saravia stated to the Committee that she did not flush the resident's tube every day, but mistakenly documented that she did. She also stated that she did take the resident's vital signs, but forgot to document them in the medical record.

5. Ms. Saravia resigned from the Northern Virginia Training Center in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings.

6. Ms. Saravia stated to the Committee that she is currently employed with the Virginian Retirement Community, Fairfax, Virginia and Greensprings, Springfield, Virginia.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Findings of Fact Nos. 3(a) and 3(b) constitute a violation of §54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

#### **ORDER**

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Marta Saravia, L.P.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Saravia shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the following NCSBN on-line courses: *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care*; and *Ethics of Nursing Practice* within 60 days of the date this Order is entered. These courses shall not be credited toward the continued competency requirements for the next renewal of her license.

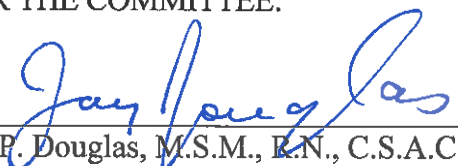
3. Ms. Saravia shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a licensed practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

4. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of Ms. Saravia and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Saravia may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on April 4, 2016, notify Jay P. 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 COMMITTEE:

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

ENTERED: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

This Order shall become final on April 4, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.