

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:       PATRICIA CARROLL, R.N.**  
**License No.: 0001-139516**

**ORDER**

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on September 8, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia. Patricia Carroll, R.N., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Judith Piersall, R.N., B.S.N., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On November 18, 2015, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Carroll was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Patricia Carroll, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-139516 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on July 27, 1994. The license is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2016. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated August 13, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Carroll notifying her that an informal conference would be held on September 8, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1764 Richland Hills Drive, Salem, Virginia 24153, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified mail receipt was signed and returned to the Board office. The Notice sent by first class mail was not returned. The

Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Carroll and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. During the course of her employment with Medi-Home Health and Hospice, Roanoke, Virginia, on July 31, 2014, Ms. Carroll submitted a skilled nursing assessment form wherein she falsely documented visiting a home health patient, when, in fact, the patient had been admitted to the hospital on July 30, 2014.

4. The paperwork that Ms. Carroll submitted contained the patient's name in the signature section, even though the patient was in the hospital at that time. Ms. Carroll also submitted a separate mileage form that included a visit to this patient. Ms. Carroll's employment was terminated on November 4, 2014, for falsifying documentation.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

#### ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

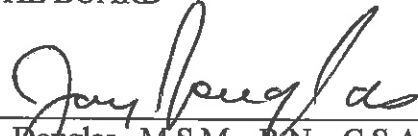
1. Patricia Carroll, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Carroll shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

Pursuant to § 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 a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Since Ms. Carroll failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final.

Ms. Carroll has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Carroll has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD



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

Entered: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

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