

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: DANIELLE M. RAPPA, R.N.**  
**License No.: 0001-238425**

**CONSENT ORDER**

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Danielle M. Rappa, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Rappa's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Danielle M. Rappa, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-238425 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on June 27, 2012. Said license is set to expire on February 28, 2017. Ms. Rappa was also issued License No. 0002-064952 to practice practical nursing on August 6, 2002. Said license expired on February 28, 2013. Ms. Rappa's primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. On October 17, 2014, during the course of her employment with Heartland Hospice, Richmond, Virginia, Ms. Rappa ordered a prescription of Risperidone 1mg. b.i.d. for Client A, without speaking to or obtaining an order from a physician. As a result of this action, Ms. Rappa's employment with Heartland Hospice was terminated on October 20, 2014.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of §54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

**CONSENT**

Danielle M. Rappa, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
4. She waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

**ORDER**

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Danielle M. Rappa, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Rappa 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 §§ 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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

for Glenn Mitchell-Lively  
Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.  
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: May 13, 2015

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Danielle M. Rappa R.N.  
Danielle M. Rappa, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY/CITY OF HENRICO, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, RYAN MICHAEL SIEBERS, a Notary Public, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of MAY, 2015.

My commission expires AUGUST 31, 2018

Registration Number 7596053



Ryan Michael Siebers  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Certified True Copy

By: [Signature]  
Virginia Board of Nursing