

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: CATHERINE S. ACOSTA, R.N.
License No.: 0001-140306**

CONSENT ORDER

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Catherine S. Acosta, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-140306 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on September 13, 1994. Said license is set to expire on April 30, 2017. Ms. Acosta's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. On June 17, 2014, during the course of her employment with The Recovery Center, Virginia Beach Department of Human Services, Virginia Beach, Virginia, Ms. Acosta falsified the medication administration record for Patient A, indicating that she had administered insulin to the patient at 07:00 on June 16, 2014, according to physician's orders, when in fact she had failed to administer the medication.
3. As a result of this incident, Ms. Acosta's employment was terminated on July 17, 2014.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of §54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) and (f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

CONSENT

Catherine S. Acosta, 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. Catherine S. Acosta, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Within 60 days from the date of entry of this Order, Ms. Acosta shall provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of the following NCSBN courses:
 - a. Ethics of Nursing Practice
 - b. Medication Errors: Detection & Prevention.
3. Ms. Acosta 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.

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 Catherine S. Acosta, R.N., 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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

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

ENTERED: May 6TH, 2015

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Catherine S. Acosta RN
Catherine S. Acosta, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Virginia Beach TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Donna M. Leach, a Notary Public, this 28 day of April, 2015.

My commission expires 4/30/2018.

Registration Number 7584137.

Donna M. Leach
NOTARY PUBLIC
Commonwealth of Virginia
Reg. #7584137
My Commission Expires 4/30/2018

NOTARY PUBLIC

Certified True Copy
By: [Signature]
Virginia Board of Nursing