

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: DEKEISHA THOMPSON, R.M.A.
Registration No.: 0031-006055**

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 February 12, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia. Dekeisha Thompson, R.M.A., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Nancy Durrett, R.N., M.S., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On March 25, 2015, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Thompson 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. Dekeisha Thompson, R.M.A., was issued Registration No. 0031-006055 to practice as a medication aide in Virginia on July 24, 2012. The registration expired on November 30, 2014.
2. By letter dated January 14, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Thompson notifying her that an informal conference would be held on February 12, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to P. O. Box 283, Lawrenceville, Virginia 23868, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice sent by certified mail was accepted on January 21, 2015, by Gloria Elliott. As of February 12, 2015, the Notice sent by first

class mail had not been returned to the Board Office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Thompson and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. On April 24, 2014, Ms. Thompson renewed her registration for the period of 2013 – 2014, but failed to attest to the fact that in 2013, she completed the hours of continuing education required for the renewal of her registration. Further, Ms. Thompson failed to submit evidence of completion of the required hours when requested by the Board.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 18 VAC 90-60-100(B) of the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. The right of Dekeisha Thompson to renew Registration No. 0031-006055 to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The registration will be recorded as suspended.
3. At such time as Ms. Thompson shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her registration, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice as a medication aide. Ms. Thompson shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the registration prior to issuance of the registration to resume practice.

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. Thompson failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered

final. Ms. Thompson 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. Thompson has 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 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: April 7th, 2015