

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: SHARON A. BAZEMORE, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-031133

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on May 20, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Sharon A. Bazemore, L.P.N., may have violated certain terms and conditions imposed on her, as set forth in the Order of the Board entered on September 16, 2014, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Bazemore may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Cynthia E. Gaines, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Bazemore was present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sharon A. Bazemore, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-031133 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on May 25, 1982. Said license expired on November 30, 1996. By Order of the Board entered September 21, 2012, her license was reinstated contingent upon her compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). On September 20, 2013, Ms. Bazemore was dismissed from the HPMP for noncompliance with her contract. By Order of the Board entered September 16, 2014, Ms. Bazemore's license to practice practical nursing was indefinitely suspended, with the suspension stayed contingent upon her compliance with the HPMP. Ms. Bazemore's primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Ms. Bazemore signed an initial Participation Contract with the HPMP on August 12, 2014. Ms. Bazemore did not sign a Recovery Monitoring Contract with the HPMP.

3. On January 26, 2015, Ms. Bazemore was dismissed from the HPMP for noncompliance with her program contract. Specifically, Ms. Bazemore failed to enter treatment as recommended, she allowed her license to expire on November 30, 2014, she left a telephone message with her case manager saying that she wanted to resign from the program on December 5, 2014, and she failed to respond to HPMP communication.

4. Ms. Bazemore has not applied for reinstatement of her license. When questioned by the Board, she could not clearly articulate how her life is more organized than the two previous times she was dismissed from the HPMP.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of Term 6(a) of the Board's Order entered September 16, 2014, and § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Ms. Bazemore is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. License No. 0002-031133 issued to Sharon A. Bazemore to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED for a period of not less than one year.
3. The license of Ms. Bazemore will be recorded as SUSPENDED. Should Ms. Bazemore seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.
4. At such time as Ms. Bazemore shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent

practice of nursing.

5. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Bazemore's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice practical nursing.

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.

FOR THE BOARD

Beloria Mitchell-Lively
for Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

June 26, 2015
ENTERED

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

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