

VIRGINIA:

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: AMY BRANSON, R.N.  
License No.: 0001-1153615**

**CONSENT ORDER**

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

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Amy N. Branson, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-153615 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on June 13, 1997. Said license is set to expire on April 30, 2013. Ms. Branson's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. During the course of her employment with Amedisys Home Health Services, Wytheville, Virginia:
  - a. On June 8, 2011, Ms. Branson failed to take vital signs on Patient A, although she had documented the vital signs assessment in Patient A's medical record. Patient A's daughter, who was present at the alleged vital sign assessment, reported that Ms. Branson had not taken Patient A's vital signs.
  - b. On May 31, 2011, Ms. Branson failed to take vital signs on Patient B, although she had documented the vital signs assessment in Patient B's medical record. Patient B, who is alert and oriented, reported that Ms. Branson had not taken her vital signs.
3. Ms. Branson was allowed to resign her position in lieu of termination from Amedisys Home Health Services.

### CONCLUSION OF LAW

Findings of Fact No. 2(a) and 2(b) 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

Amy N. Branson, 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 Conclusion of Law contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusion 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. Amy N. Branson, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.

2. Ms. Branson 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

*[Signature]*  
for Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.  
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: June 8, 2012

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

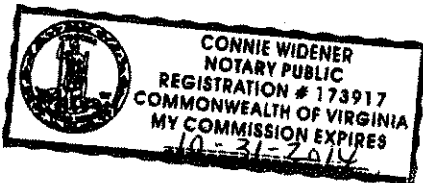
*[Signature]*  
Amy N. Branson, R.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Connie Widener, a Notary Public, this 6 day of February, 2012.

My commission expires 10-31-2014

Registration Number 173917



Connie Widener  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Certified True Copy

By [Signature]  
Virginia Board Of Nursing