

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: JUDY A. MASON, L.P.N.  
License No.: 0002-018119**

**CONSENT ORDER**

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Judy A. Mason, L.P.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Mason's license to practice practical nursing in Virginia.

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Judy A. Mason, L.P.N. was issued License No. 0002-018119 to practice practical nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on April 24, 1973. Said license is set to expire on May 31, 2015. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. On April 9, 2014, during the course of her employment as a practical nurse at Friendship Health and Rehab Center, Roanoke, Virginia, Ms. Mason was assisting another nurse in administering medication to residents. She handed medications to the other nurse, who was unfamiliar with the residents on that wing, and who administered them to the wrong patient. Ms. Mason did not observe the medicine being administered to the patient nor did she confirm that the correct patient received the correct medication. The medication included an injection for Lovenox (enoxaparin sodium, Schedule VI), a blood thinner. The patient required additional monitoring for two days.
3. As a result of this incident, Ms. Mason's employment was terminated.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Board concludes that 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)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations").

**CONSENT**

Judy A. Mason, L.P.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 practical 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. Judy A. Mason, L.P.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.


2. Ms. Mason shall provide evidence within 60 days of entry of the Order that she has completed the following National Council of State Boards of Nursing (“NCSBN”) online course: *Medication Errors: Detection & Prevention*.

3. Ms. Mason shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical 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 Judy A. Mason, L.P.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

  
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Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.  
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Judy A. Mason  
Judy A. Mason, L.P.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Elizabeth J. Chapman Notary Public, this 3rd day of October, 2014.

My commission expires April 30, 2017.

Registration Number 356308.

ELIZABETH J. CHAPMAN  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
Reg. #356308  
My Commission Expires April 30, 2017

Elizabeth J. Chapman  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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By G. Robinson-Flowers  
Virginia Board of Nursing