

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: JOETTA D. BROWN, R.N.
License No.: 0001-209615

CONSENT ORDER

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Joetta D. Brown, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-209615 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on October 2, 2007. Said license is set to expire on December 31, 2014. Ms. Brown's primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. March 12, 2013, and March 19, 2013, during the course of her employment with OrthoCareRN, Herndon, Virginia, Ms. Brown forged the signature of her client on the Nursing Intervention forms indicating that Ms. Brown had provided care to the client when she had not actually done so, which resulted in fraudulent payments for her services to OrthoCareRN.

3. Ms. Brown denied that she intentionally submitted documents for services that she did not render. She attributed her error to her lack of organization of her paperwork. Ms. Brown stated that she had gotten behind on her paperwork and realized that she had not obtained her client's signature, so she signed the forms, not realizing that the forms were for days that she was not at the client's home.

4. On October 25, 2013, Ms. Brown's employment with OrthoCareRN was terminated.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

CONSENT

Joetta D. Brown, 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. Joetta D. Brown, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.


2. Ms. Brown shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed NCSBN online courses: *Ethics of Nursing* and *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses* within 60 days of the entry of this Order.

3. Ms. Brown 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 Ms. Brown 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


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

ENTERED: September 8, 2014

SEEN AND AGREED TO:


Joetta D. Brown, R.N.

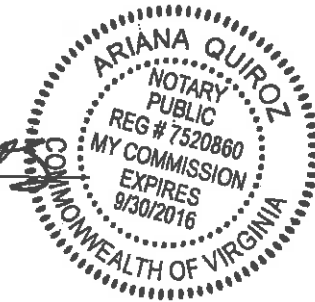
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Arlington, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Joetta D. Brown, a Notary Public, this 25th day of August, 2014.


My commission expires 9/30/2016

Registration Number 7520860


NOTARY PUBLIC



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By 
Virginia Board of Nursing