

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: HOPE SMITH, L.P.N.**  
**License No.: 0002-081843**

**CONSENT ORDER**

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

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Hope Smith, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-081843 to practice as a practical nurse by the Virginia Board of Nursing on February 3, 2010. Said license is set to expire on February 28, 2015. Ms. Smith's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. During the course of her employment with NHC Healthcare of Bristol, Bristol, Virginia:
  - a. On April 27, 2013, Ms. Smith failed to administer a clonidine patch to a resident as prescribed by the resident's physician.
  - b. In late April 2013, Ms. Smith falsely documented administering clonazepam to a resident on four occasions.
  - c. In late April 2013, Ms. Smith falsely documented administering enoxaparin sodium to a resident.
3. Ms. Smith's employment with NHC Healthcare of Bristol was terminated.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Finding of Fact No. 2(a) 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”).
2. Findings of Fact Nos. 2(b) and 2(c) constitute violations of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) and (f) of the Regulations.

### **CONSENT**

Hope Smith, 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. Hope Smith, L.P.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Smith 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.

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

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

ENTERED: June 11, 2014

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

  
 Hope Smith, L.P.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Leslie Hoffman, a Notary Public, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.


My commission expires November 30, 2014

Registration Number 349091



  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

Certified True Copy

By   
 Virginia Board of Nursing