VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

ANTHOINETTE ATTIOGBE, C.N.A., R.M.A.

Registration No.: 0031-006509

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 March 20, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Anthoinette Attiogbe, C.N.A., R.M.A., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nurse aide practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Tammie D. Jones, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Attiogbe was not present

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

and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Anthoinette Attiogbe, C.N.A., R.M.A., was issued Registration No. 0031-006509 to practice as a medication aide on February 12, 2013. Said registration expires on January 13, 2015. Ms. Attiogbe was issued Certificate No. 1401-144040 to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia on April 20, 2011. Said certificate expires on April 30, 2014.
- 2. Based upon the representations of Tammie Jones and Commonwealth's Exhibit #1, the Notice of Formal Hearing, Affidavit of Mailing and Allegation Summary Worksheet, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to the respondent and the hearing proceeded in her absence.
- 3. During the course of her employment at Envoy of Thornton Hall, Norfolk, Virginia, on January 30, 2013, Ms. Attiogbe was rough in providing ADL care to Resident A, and muttered profanities

under her breath.

- 4. Ms. Attiogbe's employment was terminated on February 5, 2013. The Administrator of Envoy of Thornton Hall testified that Ms. Attiogbe was terminated for unprofessional conduct, which the facility deemed to be abuse.
- 5. Resident A, an alert and oriented resident, discussed this incident with multiple people and was consistent in his complaint concerning his care.
- 6. Ms. Attiogbe was terminated from employment two times prior to employment with Envoy of Thornton Hall. The first termination was for abandonment and the second was for public verbal argument between coworkers and poor customer service. She misrepresented her previous employment and omitted a previous termination in her application for Envoy of Thornton Hall.

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 and 18 VAC 90-60-120(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

- 1. Registration No. 0031-006509, issued to Anthoinette Attiogbe, C.N.A., R.M.A., to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia, is hereby REVOKED.
- 2. The registration of Ms. Attiogbe will be recorded as REVOKED and no longer current. Pursuant to § 54.1-2408.2 of the Code, should Ms. Attiogbe seek reinstatement of her registration after three years, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her registration prior

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to issuance of her registration to resume practice. The reinstatement of Ms. Attiogbe's registration shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members at a meeting of the Board.

3. At such time as Ms. Attiogbe shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her registration, a hearing will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice as a medication aide.

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

Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Nursing.

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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, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., 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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