

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: EUNICE CORBIN ELLIS, L.P.N.**  
**License No.: 0002-033369**

**ORDER**

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on September 4, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia. Eunice Corbin Ellis, L.P.N., was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Judith Piersall, R.N., B.S.N., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On November 19, 2013, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Ellis was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Eunice Corbin Ellis, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-033369 to practice practical nursing in Virginia on November 22, 1983. The license is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2014. By Consent Order entered April 20, 1990, the Board placed Ms. Ellis on indefinite probation, subject to terms and conditions, based on findings that she diverted narcotics and suffered from substance abuse. By Consent Order entered on November 27, 1990, the Board indefinitely suspended Ms. Ellis' license to practice practical nursing based on findings that she violated the terms of her probation. By Consent Order entered July 29, 1992, the Board reinstated Ms. Ellis' license to practice practical nursing and placed her on probation for a period of one year of employment as a licensed practical nurse, subject to certain terms and conditions. The Board terminated Ms. Ellis' probation on April 1,

1994. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated August 8, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Ellis notifying her that an informal conference would be held on September 4, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 7294 Stokes Drive, Hayes, Virginia 23072, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. During the course of Ms. Ellis’ employment with Gloucester House Assisted Living Facility, Gloucester, Virginia:

a. On March 2, 2013, when Resident A fell, Ms. Ellis did not perform a proper assessment, as evidenced by the fact that Resident A suffered multiple fractures in her leg and Ms. Ellis failed to identify the severity of the injury. Moreover, when Resident A reported a pain level of eight out of ten, Ms. Ellis failed to notify Resident A’s family, a physician or the unit manager.

b. Ms. Ellis falsified the nursing notes for Resident A by writing “notified of resident status/ incident @ 9am, to monitor status, daughter will come to take resident,” when, in fact, she failed to notify Resident A’s daughter of Resident A’s fall.

4. After Resident A fell, she called her daughter and informed her daughter of the incident. The daughter called the front desk after speaking with Resident A, and at that time Ms. Ellis discussed the incident with Resident A’s daughter.

5. On March 7, 2013, Gloucester House Assisted Living Facility allowed Ms. Ellis to resign in lieu of termination as a result of the above incidents after working at the facility for seven months.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Finding of Fact No. 3(a) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”).

2. Finding of Fact No. 3(b) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code

and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations.

**ORDER**


WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Eunice Corbin Ellis, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Ellis shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the following NCSBN online courses within 60 days of the entry of this Order: *Ethics of Nursing Practice; Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care; and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.*
3. Ms. Ellis 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 Ms. Ellis and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

Pursuant to § 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 a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Ellis may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on January 6, 2014, notify Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

FOR THE BOARD:



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

ENTERED: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

This Order shall become final on January 6, 2014, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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By   
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