

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

GRACE E. EMAH, R.N.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), Grace E. Emah, R.N., who holds License No. 0001-198232, which expires on June 30, 2010, is hereby given notice that a formal administrative hearing will be held in the presence of a panel of the Board of Nursing. The hearing will be held on January 28, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, Virginia 23233, at which time Ms. Emah will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Emah has the following rights, among others: the right to representation by counsel; the right to have witnesses subpoenaed and to present witnesses on her behalf; the right to present documentary evidence; and the right to cross-examine adverse witnesses. If Ms. Emah desires any witnesses to appear on her behalf, she must notify the Director of Administrative Proceedings, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233, in accordance with the Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas.

The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into evidence that Grace E. Emah, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that:

1. Grace E. Emah, R.N., may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (3), (5) and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”) in that during the course of her employment with Prince William Hospital, Manassas, Virginia:

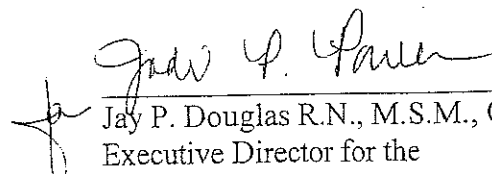
a. On or between December 15, 2008, and January 16, 2009, the results of a medication audit showed a total of 12 instances where Ms. Emah removed narcotic medications from the Pyxis machine without documentation of administration, return or waste of said medications.

b. On or about June 16, 2008, Ms. Emah removed one .5mg tablet of Alprazolam from the Pyxis machine for a patient. However, there is no documentation that this medication was ever administered, returned or wasted.

2. Ms. Emah may have violated § 54.1-3007(3) and (5) of the Code in that on or about September 4, 2008, she failed to document lab orders for a patient into Meditech.

3. Ms. Emah may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations in that on or about September 9, 2008, she failed to follow physician orders for one of her assigned patients who was scheduled for surgery. She also failed to correctly complete the pre-op paperwork.

FOR THE BOARD


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Executive Director for the
Board of Nursing

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