

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: LINDA HARRIS, R.M.A.
Registration No.: 0031-005926

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 May 14, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia. Ms. Harris was present and was not represented by counsel. Nancy Durrett, serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On July 16, 2013, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Harris 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. Linda Harris, R.M.A., was issued Registration No. 0031-005926 to practice as a medication aide in Virginia on June 1, 2012. The registration is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2014.
2. By letter dated April 15, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Harris notifying her that an informal conference would be held on May 14, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 333 South Church Street, Marion, VA 24354, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. During her employment with Hands of Grace Assisted Living, Marion, Virginia, on August 21 and August 29, 2012, Ms. Harris failed to administer medications to 22-24 of her 60

patients. Rather, Ms. Harris left the medications in bubble packs on the medication cart and falsely documented the administration of said medications in the medication administration record of these patients.

Conclusions of Law

Finding of Fact #3 constitutes a violation of §54.1 - 3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-60-110(A)(2) and 18 VAC 90-60-120(2)(d), (f), (l), and (m) and (3) of the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

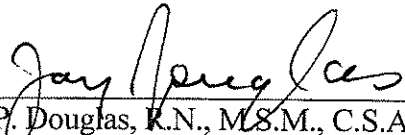
1. Registration No. 0031-005926 of Linda Harris, R.M.A., is REVOKED.
2. The registration will be recorded as revoked and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Harris shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her registration, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of a medication aide. Ms. Harris shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the registration prior to issuance of the registration to resume practice.
4. Ms. Harris' employment was terminated as a result of this incident. She is currently employed as a personal care aide in Petersburg, Virginia.

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. Harris may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **August 26, 2013**, notify 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, 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, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: July 24th, 2013

This Order shall become final on August 26, 2013; unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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By 
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