

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:**

**FOY J. SURRETT, R.M.A.**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) met on December 1, 2010, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Foy J. Surratt, R.M.A., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing medication aide practice in Virginia. Mr. Surratt was present and was not represented by counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Foy J. Surratt, R.M.A., was issued Registration No. 0031-001946 to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 5, 2009. Said registration expires on October 31, 2011.
2. By letter dated November 8, 2010, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Mr. Surratt notifying him that an informal conference would be held on December 1, 2010. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 2904 Double Cabin Road, Hillsville, Virginia 24343, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. During the course of his employment with Green Hill Home for Adults, Hillsville, Virginia:
  - a. In May 2010, by his own admission, Mr. Surratt administered 35 units of insulin in the morning and 26 units of insulin in the evening to Resident A, contrary to the resident’s medication order of 45 and 36 units of insulin respectively, and without the physician’s knowledge or authorization.
  - b. On the mornings of May 30, 2010, and May 31, 2010, Resident A’s blood glucose readings were 40 and 50 respectively. Mr. Surratt failed to notify the resident’s physician or have the resident transported to the hospital for treatment.

c. From June 11, 2010, until July 9, 2010, by his own admission, Mr. Surratt administered Coumadin 4 mg (Schedule VI) to Resident B, rather than 6 mg ordered by his physician.

4. On July 9, 2011:

a. Mr. Surratt failed to use appropriate infection control when checking Resident A's blood glucose levels and administering insulin by not wearing gloves. Further, Mr. Surratt failed to cleanse the area with alcohol prior to testing the glucose levels and administration of the insulin.

b. Mr. Surratt failed to accurately document the dosage of insulin given to Resident A in his Medication Administration Record ("MAR").

c. Mr. Surratt was observed passing medications that were to be administered to the residents at 8:00 a.m., as late as 9:45 a.m. Further, Mr. Surratt failed to check the MAR prior to passing medications to the residents.

d. Mr. Surratt failed to maintain or note discontinued and/or changed orders for the medications of several residents on the MAR.

5. Mr. Surratt admitted that all of the allegations against him were true.

6. Mr. Surratt expressed remorse for his actions and stated that he would be compliant in the future.

7. Mr. Surratt provided evidence that he has contracted with Horizons Healthcare Management, to assist his facility, Green Hill Home for Adults, with medication training, management and documentation.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Findings of Fact No. 3(a) through 4(d) constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-60-120(2)(a), (b), (d), (l) and (m) and 18 VAC 90-60-120(3) of the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication aides.

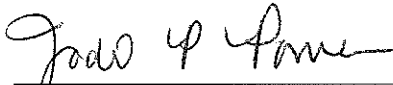
**ORDER**

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Foy J. Surratt, R.M.A., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Mr. Surratt shall maintain a course of conduct in his capacity as a medication aide 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 on request.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

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

ENTERED: December 14, 2010

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO FORMAL HEARING**

If you do not consent to the Committee's decision and desire a hearing before the Board or a panel thereof, you shall notify, in writing, the Executive Director of the Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, within 33 days of the date of entry of this Order. This Order shall become final upon expiration of the 33-day period unless a request for a formal hearing is received within such time. Upon receiving a timely request for a hearing, this Order shall be vacated and the Board or a panel thereof shall proceed with a hearing as provided in § 2.2-4020 *et seq.* of the Code.