

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Andrea Lopes Mauricio, NA (CO5-355)

ORDER

Pursuant to R.I.G.L. (2001 Reenactment) Section 23-17.9-8 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Department of Health (hereinafter "Department"), after review and consultation with the Advisory Board for Nursing Assistants, has investigated a complaint charging Andrea Lopes Mauricio, NA (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of Section 23-17.9-8 of the General Laws.

After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That all pertinent times, Respondent was employed as a Nursing Assistant at Oakland Grove Health Care Center, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.
3. That is, on or about 29 March 2005, Respondent was directed by a charge nurse to assist a resident in ambulating herself to the bathroom and instead went on a break.
4. On or about 29 March 2004, Respondent swore at a patient and made an obscene gesture. Respondent is currently serving a two (2) year period of probation effective 10 December 2004.
5. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Section 23-17.9-8 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

Based on the foregoing, the Rhode Island Department of Health hereby enters the following:

1. Nursing Assistant license issued to the Respondent is hereby suspended for a period of not less than two (2) years commencing upon the 31 October 2005.
2. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the Nursing Assistant license, Respondent shall submit documentation to the Board evidencing that Respondent is capable and

competent to engage in the practice of Nursing Assistant. In addition, Respondent must meet all education requirements for licensure in effect at the time Respondent applies for licensure.

3. That should Respondent fail to comply with the terms of this Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.
4. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect pending further Order by the Rhode Island Department of Health.

Ordered this 14 day of October 2005

Charles Alexandre

Charles Alexandre, Chief
Health Professions Regulation