

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS REGULATION**

vs.

ANGELA DIPALMA, NA (CO6-151 & CO6-178)

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 Angela DiPalma (NA28682) (herein 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 at all pertinent times Respondent was employed by Ballou Home for the Aged, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.
3. That on or about 19 March 2005, Respondent was transporting Resident A in his Geri Chair and bumped into the door frame of the room, causing a large skin tear to the resident's arm and bumped his head; and Respondent, while assisting Resident B in the shower, sprayed water into the resident's face at the resident's request for a towel.

4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) above constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 23-17.9-8, and Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

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

1. That this Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding.
2. That Respondent is issued the sanction of a Reprimand.

Entered as an Order of the Department of Health at a meeting held on 13 February 2007.

Ordered this 22nd day of February 2007



Charles Alexandre, Chief
Health Professions Regulation