

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

APRIL L BERTHIAUME (CO7-450)

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 APRIL L BERTHIAUME (NA08316-T) (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 the 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 by Roger Williams Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island.
3. That is, on or about 29 May 2007, the Respondent intimated and coerced a patient into allowing her to take her temperature rectally.
4. 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 enter 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.

3. Entered as an Order of the Department of Health at a meeting held on 8 January 2008.

Ordered this 8th day of January 2008

Charles Alexandre
Charles Alexandre, Chief
Health Professions Regulation