

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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

vs.

Bridget Sawka

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 Bridget Sawka, NA (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 Eleanor Slater Hospital – Zambarano Unit, Cranston, Rhode Island.
3. That on or about 15 October 2004, Respondent was verbally and physically abusive to a patient who was incontinent of feces.
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 8 March 2005.

Ordered this 23 day of March 2005



Charles Alexandre, Chief
Health Professions Regulation