

State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health  
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

**Domingas Mendonca**

**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 Domingas Mendonca, 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 at all pertinent times, Respondent was employed as a nursing assistant.
3. That on or about 16 April 2002, Respondent acted unprofessionally in that Respondent took a patient credit card without the patient's consent and did purchase items with said card for Respondent's own purposes.
4. The conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct in Section 23-17.9-8, and Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

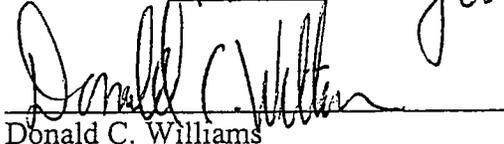
Based on the foregoing, the Rhode Island Department of Health hereby enters the following:

1. Nursing Assistant certification issued to the Respondent is hereby revoked

permanently commencing on 30 June 2003.

2. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the Nursing Assistant certification, 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 16th day of June 2003

  
Donald C. Williams

Associate Director, Health Services Regulation