

State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health  
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Heather J. Arnold (C10-312)

**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 Heather J. Arnold (NA20977 and MAD01160) (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 and Medication Aide licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That all pertinent times, Respondent was employed by Westerly Health Center, Westerly, RI.
3. That is, on or about May 27, 2010, Respondent admitted to taking a resident's Ciproflaxin medication for personal use. Such activity was witnessed.
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 enters the following:

1. That this Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding.
2. That should Respondent fail to comply with the terms of this Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.
3. That Respondent is issued the sanction of a Reprimand.

Ordered this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010



Charles Alexandre, PhD, RN  
Chief, Health Professions Regulation