

State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health  
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Joette Veronica Hamel

**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, has investigated a complaint charging Joette Veronica Hamel (NA35287) (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 all pertinent times, Respondent was employed by HomeCare Advantage, Cranston, RI.
3. That is, on or about June 15, 2009, Respondent failed to accurately report employment history by forging Respondent's employer's signature on Respondent's 2009 Nursing Assistant Renewal Form. On July 14, 2009, the Coordinator from HomeCare Advantage confirmed Respondent's fraudulent use of her signature and authorization.
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. Nursing Assistant license issued to the Respondent is hereby suspended for a period of two (2) years commencing September 9, 2009.
2. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the Nursing Assistant license, Respondent shall submit documentation evidencing that Respondent is capable and competent to engage in the practice of a Nursing Assistant. In addition, Respondent must meet all educational 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 become part of the public record of this proceeding.

Ordered this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009



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Chief, Health Professions Regulation