

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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

**vs.**

**JOYCE LAPLUME, NA (CO6-330)**

**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 Joyce Laplume (NA03451) (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 Ideal Home Care Services, N. Providence, Rhode Island.
3. That on or about 16 April 2006, Respondent, while providing home care services to Patient A, was under the influence of alcohol.
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 21 August 2006.

Ordered this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2006



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Charles Alexandre, Chief  
Health Professions Regulation