

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

RENEE PEREZ, NA (CO06-286, CO6-677, CO6-678 & CO6-679)

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 Renee Perez (NA27562) (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 as a Nursing Assistant at Haven Health Center, Coventry, Rhode Island; Westview Nursing Home, Inc., W. Warwick; Rhode Island, South County Nursing; and Subacute Center, N. Kingstown, Rhode Island.
 1. That is, on or about 28 January 2005, Respondent made Resident A upset and cry and was "fresh to her"; on or about 12 July 2005, Respondent showered Resident B against her wishes and was verbally abusive; on or about 27 June 2006, Respondent refused to assist Resident C to a sitting position so the resident could take her pills; and on or about 9 September 2006, Respondent was verbally abusive to an eighty-five (85) year old male resident (Resident C) in that she felt the resident naked her a wheelchair and stating that she would not come back into the room unless he "shut-up".
 2. 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 not less than one (1) year commencing upon 6 March 2007.

2. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the Nursing Assistant license, 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 2nd day of February 2007



Charles Alexandre, Chief
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