

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Shanine Roberta Nichols (C09-058)

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 Shanine Roberta Nichols (NA29999) (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 Epoch Senior Living, Providence, RI.
3. That is, on or about October 11, 2008, Respondent taunted a resident to give the Respondent some of her food, causing the resident to become agitated. Respondent's action was witnessed by a staff member, who requested the Respondent to cease her behavior. Respondent continued to request food, which escalated the resident's agitation.
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 June 5, 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 15th day of May 2009



Charles Alexandre, RN, MSN
Chief, Health Professions Regulation