

State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health  
Office of Health Professions

vs.

**Theresa Fascio, NA 14995**

**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 Theresa Fascio, NA (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 at all pertinent times, Respondent was employed by Favorite Nurses, Worcester, Massachusetts.
3. That is, on or about 16 March 2002, Respondent left her scheduled shift at the Briarwood Nursing Home early, without making any provision for the continuity of care of the patients assigned to her, thereby engaging in patient abandonment.
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct in Section 23-17.9-8 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

Based upon the forgoing, the Rhode Island Department of Health hereby enters the following Order:

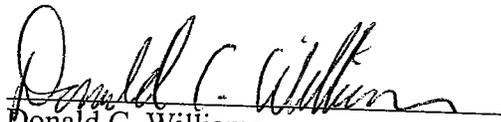
1. Nursing Assistant license issued to the Respondent is hereby suspended for a period of

at least two (2) years commencing upon 15 October 2002.

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, training and examination 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.

Entered as an Order of the Rhode Island Department of Health

Ordered this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2002



Donald C. Williams

Associate Director, Health Services Regulation