

State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health  
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

TRISHA LYNNE BLAIR (CO8-028)

**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 TRISHA LYNNE BLAIR (NA28162) (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 the 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 A Caring Experience, N. Providence, Rhode Island.
3. That is, on or about 28 November 2007, Respondent's license to practice as a Nursing Assistant was suspended for two (2) years in that on or about 4 January 2007, the Respondent left Resident A sitting in her chair instead of putting the resident to bed. Respondent also transferred Resident B with a Hoyer Lift without utilizing the required assistance and several of the residents assigned to her were found to be in urine saturated briefs and that on or about 12 March 2006, Respondent was physically abusive in that she pulled a resident by the arm/shoulder while assisting another nursing assistant in walking the resident to the bedroom.
4. That is, some time between 29 November 2007 and 4 January 2008, the Respondent was providing homecare services through an agency when the Respondent borrowed five (\$5.00) dollars for gas and did not reimburse the client.
5. 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 enter the following:

1. Nursing Assistant license issued to the Respondent is here by revoked for a period of five (5) years commencing upon 22 April 2008.
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 the Respondent fails 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2008

  
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Charles Alexandre, Chief  
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