

State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health  
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Valerie Lynn Jenkins

### **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 Valerie Lynn Jenkins, NA 33642 (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 applying for licensure as a Nursing Assistant in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That Respondent voluntarily surrendered her Nursing Assistant license on December 11, 2009 and in filing an application for re-instatement of licensure in February 11, 2010, it was determined that you had been involved in criminal activity.
3. That pursuant to Section 23-17.9-8 (3), the conduct described in paragraph two (2) herein constitutes grounds to deny an application for licensure.

Based on the foregoing, the Rhode Island Department of Health hereby enters the following:

1. Nursing Assistant license issued to the Respondent is hereby put on probation for a period of six (6) months commencing April 16, 2010.
2. That the probationary period will be in effect upon employment of the Respondent as a Nursing Assistant in a licensed health care facility, and will abate for any period when the Respondent is not employed as a Nursing Assistant.
3. Respondent will notify the Department of any lapse in employment and the probation will be extended until six (6) months of employment as a Nursing Assistant is completed.

4. Respondent will require supervision. This stipulation will be documented and reported to the Department by a supervising Registered Nurse.
5. That, during, the period of probation, the Respondent's employer shall submit monthly reports to the Board relating to the Respondent's conduct and performance; that it shall be the responsibility of Respondent to have the employer(s) submit said reports.
6. That during the period of probation, should Respondent change employment, Respondent shall notify the Board forthwith of said changes including the name and address of the new employer(s), date Respondent commences said employment and the reason for the change in employment.
7. That during the period of probation, Respondent will be prohibited from working in a community based setting (i.e. an assisted living facility, a home nursing care provider agency or any setting in which Respondent will be providing care without supervision).
8. That should Respondent comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of Nursing Assistant and comply with the requirements of this Order, Respondent may apply to the Department for relief from probation.
9. That should Respondent fail to comply with the terms of this Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.
10. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect pending further Order by the Rhode Island Department of Health.

Ordered this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010



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