

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH :
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION :
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND :
NURSING EDUCATION :

v. :

A.H. FILE NO. (HSR) 2007-24

CHRISTINA TORTIS, R.N. :

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Christina Tortis (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 5-34-1, et seq.

On or about February 8, 2008 the Respondent was employed as a registered nurse at Charlesgate Nursing Center, a skilled nursing facility in Providence, Rhode Island. On that date, the Respondent was observed at work disheveled, disoriented, not properly focused and unable to perform simple job duties such as obtaining morning blood sugars. The Respondent was observed by co-workers to have slurred speech, staggering gait, and appeared under the influence of drugs. At the same time and place, the Respondent could not account for two (2) missing Oxycodone and the fact that a liquid bottle of Roxinol appeared tampered with.

Furthermore, the Respondent is presently on probation with this Department for issues relating to substance abuse.

Based upon the foregoing, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the license of Christina Tortis as a registered nurse constitutes an imminent threat to the health, welfare and safety of the public. Accordingly, the registered nurse license of Christina Tortis is hereby **suspended** forthwith pursuant to R.I. General Laws 5-34-26. Said **suspension**

shall continue indefinitely pending further Order of the Department of Health. Furthermore, the Respondent is ordered to obtain a substance abuse evaluation from a board-approved health care provider.

The Respondent may request a hearing on this matter which will be scheduled within ten (10) days, if so requested.

Signed this 14th day of February 2008.



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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have hand-delivered the within SUMMARY SUSPENSION to Christina Tortis, 338 Fruithill Avenue, North Providence, RI 02911 on this 15th day of February 2008.

