

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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

v. :

JOYCE GUILFOYLE, L.P.N. :

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Joyce Guilfoyle (hereinafter “Respondent”) is licensed as a licensed practical nurse pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 5-34-1, et seq.

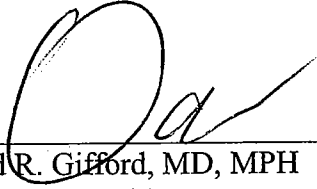
On October 2, 2007 Respondent was working as a licensed practical nurse at North Bay Manor, a skilled nursing facility in Smithfield, Rhode Island through a pool agency, A Caring Experience. On said date Respondent was observed by four (4) certified nursing assistants, a family member of a resident, and Raymond Maxwell (the Nursing Home Administrator of said facility) sleeping on duty, off-and-on, from approximately 3:30pm to 6:30pm. During said time period, the Respondent left the medication cart unattended and not properly secured. The Respondent also failed to administer scheduled medications to the patients she was responsible for.

Based upon the foregoing, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the license of Joyce Guilfoyle as a licensed practical nurse constitutes an imminent threat to the health, welfare and safety of the public. Accordingly, the licensed practical nurse license of Joyce Guilfoyle 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 24th day of October, 2007.



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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have hand-delivered the within SUMMARY SUSPENSION to Joycel Guilfoyle, 44 Ansonia Road, Warwick, RI 02889-2906 on this 24th day of October 2007.

Elizabeth S. James