
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Department of Health
Nursing Assistant Advisory Board



IN THE MATTER OF:
AMANDA RUIZ
License Number MAD01204
Case No. C18-0955

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17.9-1 *et seq.* and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Department of Health (hereinafter "RIDOH"), and the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board (hereinafter "Board") have investigated a complaint charging AMANDA RUIZ, MAD01204 (hereinafter "Respondent"), with conduct subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17.9-8. After review and consideration by RIDOH and the Board with respect to the Respondent's conduct, the following are and shall constitute

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a Medication Aide licensed to practice in Rhode Island under Medication Aide License MAD01204.
2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed by Friendly Home.
3. On or about July 24, 2018, Respondent admitted that she had administered an inhaler containing marijuana to a resident.
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three of this Consent Order constitutes conduct subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §23-17.9-8 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.
5. That the Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of RIDOH.
6. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that this Consent Order shall become binding once signed by the Respondent and RIDOH.
7. That Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to an administrative hearing on this matter;

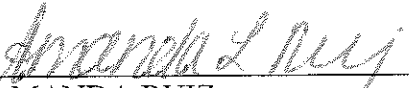
- b. The right to represent himself or be represented by an attorney of Respondent's own choosing at said hearing;
- c. The right to produce testimony, witnesses, and evidence on Respondent's behalf; at a hearing; and
- d. Any and all rights of appeal.

ACCORDINGLY, AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING

RIDOH and the Respondent hereby agree to the following disposition of this complaint:

1. Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of a Revocation of her Medication Aide license MAD01204.
2. Respondent must take six (6) hours of continuing education courses in substance abuse within sixty (60) days of ratification of this Consent Order and provide proof of completion to the Board. Failure to do so will result in the imposition of sanctions on Respondent's Nursing Assistant License.
3. This Consent Order shall become a public record.

Signed this 25th day of January, 2019.


AMANDA RUIZ

Ratified by the RI Department of Health, Chief of Professional Boards and Licensing, on the 2nd day of April 2019.


ELLEN R. BALASCO, ESQUIRE
Chief of Professional Boards and Licensing