



IN THE MATTER OF: JOSEPHINE FARRELL

License Number MAD 03256

Case No. C23-0676AB

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 **JOSEPHINE FARRELL**, MAD03256 (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 MAD03256.
2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed as a Medication Aide for a staffing agency.
3. On or about July 13, 2023, Respondent was working at a health care facility through the staffing agency. She was not familiar with the facility or the residents. She was dispensing medications when a resident approached her medication cart in the hallway. She asked an employee of the facility to confirm the identity of the resident before she administered his medication. The employee confirmed the name of the resident and the Respondent dispensed the medication. It was eventually determined that the resident to whom the Respondent had administered the medication was not the person for whom the medication had been prescribed, but another resident who had the same first name as the resident for whom the medication was prescribed.

4. That the conduct described in paragraph three of this Consent Order constitutes unprofessional conduct 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 Reprimand on her Medication Aide license, MAD03256.
2. This Consent Order shall become a public record.

Signed this 21 day of Mar, 2024


JOSEPHINE FARRELL
MAD03256

Ratified by the RI Department of Health, Chief of Professional Boards and Licensing, on the 25th day of March 2024.


BRUCE TODESCO, Chief
Center for Professional Boards and Licensing