

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



IN THE MATTER OF:
CHERIE RICHER
License Number NA19920
Case No. C19-0956

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 CHERIE RICHER, NA19920 (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 Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in Rhode Island under Nursing Assistant License NA19920.
2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed by Visiting Angels.
3. On or about July 28, 2019, Respondent was witnessed, and admitted to, letting herself into the patient's home on a day she was not scheduled to be there. Respondent did this without consent from the patient and when no one, including the patient, was at home.
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 Reprimand on her Nursing Assistant license, NA19920.
2. Respondent is required to complete three (3) continuing education units on boundary issues and submit proof thereof to the Board within thirty (30) days of ratification of this Consent Order. On-line continuing education units are acceptable through any of the following sites:
<https://www.mycnajobs.com/free-ceu-courses/#courseFAQ>
<https://www.nursingworld.org/>
<https://www.ncsbn.org/index.htm>
All documentation of continuing education for proof of compliance must be submitted to DOH.PRCOMPLIANCE@health.ri.gov
3. This Consent Order shall become a public record.

Signed this 27 day of Nov., 2019.

Cherie A. Richer
CHERIE RICHER

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

Ellen R. Balasco
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