

## RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND LICENSING

IN THE MATTER OF: GLORIA ECHEVERRY

LICENSEE NO.: NA 08370 COMPLAINT ID #: 24-0740



## **CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to R.I. Gen Laws §23-17.9-1 et seq. and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, 216-RICR-40-05-22, the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") has investigated a complaint charging **GLORIA ECHEVERRY**, nursing assistant license number NA 08370 ("Respondent") with violations of R.I. Gen Laws §23-17.9-1 et seq.

After review and consideration by RIDOH with respect to the allegations of unprofessional conduct of Respondent, the following are and shall constitute

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. That Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island under Nursing Assistant License Number NA 08370.
- 2. That on or about June 29, 2024, Respondent was employed as a nursing assistant by a staffing agency.
- 3. That on or about June 29, 2024, Respondent arrived at the home of a patient who had to be cared for while in her bed. Respondent called the staffing agency and stated that she could not lift the patent and was leaving the home unless she was provided with another nursing assistant and a hoist. Staffing agency personnel told Respondent that the patient did not have to be lifted and could be cared for by one person while in her bed. Respondent was told to remain with the patient but she left the patient's home, thus abandoning a patient who was in need of her care.
- 4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to R.I. Gen Laws §23-17.9-1 et seq. and the Rules and Regulations promulgated there under.

- 5. That Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of RIDOH and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of RIDOH.
- 6. That Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands this Consent Order shall become binding once signed by Respondent and RIDOH.
- 7. That Respondent understands the purpose of this Consent Order is solely to resolve the Complaint.
- 8. That Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a) The right to have an administrative hearing on this matter;
  - b) The right to represent oneself or be represented by an attorney of Respondent's own choosing at said hearing;
  - c) The right to present testimony, evidence and witnesses on Respondent's behalf;
  - d) The right to cross-examine witnesses presented by RIDOH;
  - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein:
  - f) The right to take an appeal from the terms of this Consent Order; and
  - g) Any objection that this Consent Order will (i) be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, (ii) become a permanent part of Respondent's record maintained by RIDOH and a part of the public record of this proceeding, or (iii) be posted on RIDOH's public website.

## ACCORDINGLY AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING

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

- 9. Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of a Reprimand, starting the day this Consent Order is last executed.
- 10. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Order is an agreement between Respondent and RIDOH.

GLORIA ECHEVERRY
LICENSEE NO. NA 08370

Date Signed:

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Center for Professional Boards and Licensing

Date Signed:

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