



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

**IN THE MATTER OF: SARY RUEMMELE  
LICENSEE NO.: NA 31167  
COMPLAINT ID #: C24-0913**

**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 Complaint No. C24-0913 (the "Complaint") charging SARY RUEMMELE, nursing assistant license number NA 31167 ("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 31167 and as a Medication Aide under license MAD 02099.
2. That on or about August 15, 2024, Respondent was scheduled to work at a nursing facility as a medication aide.
3. That on or about August 15, 2024, Respondent arrived at the facility and was informed that due to a staffing shortage she was required to work in her capacity as a nursing assistant and not in her capacity as a medication aide. Instead of working as a nursing assistant, Respondent left the facility without notifying anyone, thus abandoning the residents of the facility who were 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**

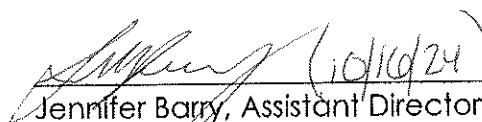
RIDOH and Respondent hereby agree to the following disposition of this Complaint:

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

Sary Ruemmele  
 SARY RUEMMELE  
 LICENSEE NO. NA 31167

Date Signed:

10/11/2024

 (10/16/24) (deputy chief)  
 Jennifer Barry, Assistant Director  
 Center for Professional Boards and Licensing

Date Signed:

10/16/24