

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
OFFICE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

**BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION**

**RE:** ERIN GODFRIN  
RN53280  
C21-1524

**CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 5-34-25 of the Rhode Island General Laws and the regulations promulgated thereunder, a complaint (the "Complaint") was filed with the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (the "Board"), charging Erin Godfrin (the "Respondent"), a registered nurse (RN license #53280), with a violation of Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

After review and consideration with respect to the allegations of unprofessional conduct of Respondent, the Board has made the following

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Respondent is a Registered Nurse licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island under license RN53280.
2. Respondent was employed as a registered nurse at AdCare Rhode Island, North Kingstown, RI on or about November 8, 2021.
3. That on or about November 8, 2021, RIDOH received a complaint alleging that the Respondent was engaging in drug diversion, specifically, as the Respondent administered an unknown pill from Respondent's contact case in their pocketbook to a patient. The patient admitted to consuming a piece of the pill prior to discharge.
4. The Respondent recognizes and admits to taking the medication that should have been destroyed. Respondent specifically admits to dividing the pill into quarters and providing the pieces of the pill to a patient for use after discharge.
5. The findings of facts described in paragraphs one (1) through four (4) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 5-34-24(6) which includes (v) willful disregard of standards of nursing practice, and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics, Provision 3.4 entitled Professional Responsibility in Promoting a Culture of Safety.

**AGREEMENT:**

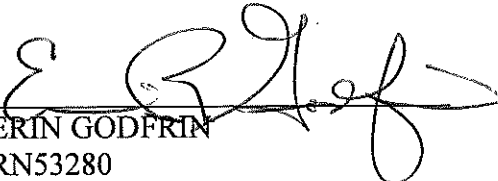
The Board and Respondent (together, the "Parties") hereby agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of The Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands the contents herein are binding on Respondent as a final action by the Board.
3. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel before the Board;
  - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in her behalf at a hearing;
  - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
  - d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
  - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
  - f) Any and all right of appeal of this Consent Order;
  - g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
  - h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;
  - i) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Board.
4. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and accepted by the Board.
5. Respondent's acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an admission by Respondent that the Board's factual findings and legal conclusions, as contained herein, are accurate and correct.
6. Respondent voluntarily agrees to accept the sanction of a Reprimand against their license as a registered nurse.
7. That should Respondent fail to comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing and/or fail to comply with the terms of the Consent Order, their license as a registered nurse may be subject to other appropriate disciplinary action.


**DISPOSITION OF THE COMPLAINT:**

Accordingly, and based on the foregoing, the Parties hereby agree to the following disposition of the Complaint:

1. That Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of a Reprimand.
2. That this Consent Order shall become part of a public record of this proceeding.

  
ERIN GODFRIN  
RN53280

Date Signed: 03-11-2023

  
TRACEY GINNAITT  
President, Board of Nursing Registration and  
Nursing Education

Date Signed: 10 Apr 2023

Ratified as an order of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education at a meeting held on  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.