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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action
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NORAH TAFURI, R.N. :
LICENSE # NO 08508200 : CONSENT ORDER
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TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE :
STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (" Board") upon receipt of information that respondent, while employed at Bayada Pediatrics, documented making home visits in connection with monthly supervision of patients in the

Lakewood area, when in fact she documented visits to homes she did not actually make. Respondent maintains that she monitored the patients' care and situations telephonically by contacting the R.N. on duty, and that she was acting in accordance with the wishes of the families, who did not want her visiting their homes at night, especially on the Sabbath. Although respondent denied any intention of falsifying the records relating to these visits, she nonetheless has documented completion of a continuing education course in Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, and a 5.4 hours course in documentation, both under the auspices of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

The Board finds that any reasonable person reading the documentation furnished by respondent to the agency would have concluded that she had made an actual visit to the patients' homes, and that she therefore on more than one occasion in 2011 documented these visits in a misleading manner in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board finding that the within order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 30th day of August, 2013

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent is hereby required to successfully complete a course in nursing ethics and a course in documentation,

approved by the Board, based upon her violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). As respondent has already provided documentation of completion of these courses, no further action is required on respondent's part.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Ann Murphy PhD APN
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Board President

I have read and understand
the within Consent Order
and agree to be bound by
its terms.

Norah Tafuri, R.N.
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Consent as to form and entry:

Kathleen M. Gialanella
Kathleen M. Gialanella, Esq.