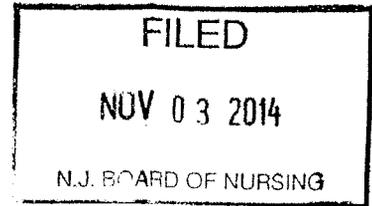


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF

Administrative Action

CAROLYN BILLECI
NR 17674500
TO PRACTICE AS A
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Carolyn Billeci's application for licensure by endorsement to practice as a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey. On her application, the applicant disclosed that her nursing license had been the subject of previous discipline. Specifically, Ms. Billeci had applied in August of 2011 for entry into a consent order imposing a two year suspension of her New York nursing

license, one month of which was to be actively served, with the remaining 23 months to be served as a period of probation. The application was granted on December 13, 2011, and the period of probation ended on December 25, 2013, with Ms. Billeci having complied with all the terms of probation.

The conduct underlying the New York action occurred on or about January 10, 2010, when Ms. Billeci, while employed as a nurse, instructed a nurse to change the battery in a patient's heart monitor, but did not check to ensure that the battery had been changed; it had not been. In addition, Ms. Billeci had pre-charted documenting in the patient record that she had observed the patient at 4 a.m. and 6 a.m., when in actuality the patient had expired at 3 a.m. By the terms of the New York consent order, Ms. Billeci admitted that that this conduct constituted the practice of nursing "with negligence on more than one occasion."

This Board now finds that the conduct noted above corresponds to a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d), and is subject to sanctions.

The parties desire to resolve this matter without further proceedings. The Board finds that Ms. Billeci has already been subjected to significant discipline in this matter on the part of the New York authorities, and notes that Ms. Billeci has frankly acknowledged her conduct, for which she has expressed

remorse. Ms. Billeci indicates that her employment continued at the facility (Staten Island University Hospital) where the incident occurred, and has worked with new employees at the facility so that they might learn from her mistakes. The Board accordingly finding that granting licensure to Ms. Billeci is appropriate, and that the within order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS, ON THIS 3rd DAY OF November, 2014

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A reprimand is hereby imposed for respondent's violation N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d).
2. Ms. Billeci's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of all applicable fees, submission of all required forms, and undergoing the criminal history background check, if these have not already been addressed.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Patricia Murphy PhD APN

By:

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I have read and understand
The within Consent Order and
Agree to be bound by its terms.

CBilleci

Carolyn Billeci