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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action  
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:  PROVISIONAL ORDER  
: OF DISCIPLINE  
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KATIE J. SAWYERS, LPN :   
License # 26NP06284600 :  FINAL ORDER  
: OF DISCIPLINE  
: (Finalized by default  
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE : on September 22, 2015)  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Katie J. Sawyers ("Respondent") is a Licensed

Practical Nurse (LPN) in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all relevant times. (Exhibit A).

2. Upon receipt of information indicating that Respondent had been terminated for not administering all medications to patients as ordered and documenting that she had administered the medications, the Board sent Respondent a letter of inquiry on or about July 30, 2013 requesting certain information and submission of documents regarding the allegations, Respondent's continuing education, and current nursing practice. (Exhibit B).

3. Respondent replied to the Board's request for information on or about August 06, 2013. Respondent admitted that, on the date in question, she had not given some of the patients who were busy with other activities their medication in the morning, and that she had not returned to those patients to give them their medication later in the day. (Exhibit E). The medication administration records for those patients indicate that Respondent made a notation that the medication had been given.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to give multiple patients their medications while charting that she had done do is deemed by the

Board to be professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

Respondent's use of misrepresentation while charting patients' medication administration records constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), subjecting Respondent to sanctions.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2015, ORDERED that upon the filing of a FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE in this matter:

1. Respondent is hereby reprimanded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (b).

2. The within order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following entry hereof unless Respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.

c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor or offered in mitigation of penalty.

3. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that the submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

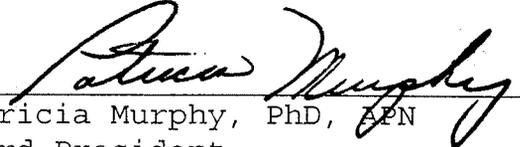
4. In the event that Respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to an evidentiary hearing, Respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein may serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. Further, in the event a hearing is held and upon review of the record, the Board shall not be limited to the findings, conclusions and sanctions stated herein.

5. In the event that the Board receives no written submission from Respondent within 30 days following filing of

this Provisional Order of Discipline, without further Board review, the Provisional Order of Discipline shall automatically become the Final Order of Discipline. The box for Final Order of Discipline shall be checked, the Final Order of Discipline shall be filed, and copies shall be mailed to Respondent. Thereafter, Respondent's failure to comply with any sanction or penalty imposed by this Order shall be considered a violation of a Board Order in contravention of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (e) and (h) and N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and may subject Respondent to additional sanction and/or penalty.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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