

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 709089 § AGREED
issued to MARIA EUGENIA CARRION § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of MARIA EUGENIA CARRION, Registered Nurse License Number 709089, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on January 30, 2008, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas, on May 12, 2004. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 19, 2004.
5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

8/04 to Unknown	Registered Nurse (RN)
	Providence Memorial Hospital
	El Paso, Texas
6. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a RN with Providence Memorial Hospital, El Paso, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) year and two (2) months.

7. On or about October 26, 2005, while employed as a RN with Providence Memorial Hospital, El Paso, Texas, Respondent failed to accurately and completely follow physician's discharge instructions and/or provided duplicate, conflicting and confusing discharge instructions to Patient BS, who was an Insulin dependant diabetic patient. Respondent documented and provided the following patient instructions:
- Nifedipine LA 90 mg one tablet orally once a day and Procardia XL 90 mg one tablet orally once a day. However, Nifedipine and Procardia are the same antianginal medication;
 - Ferrous Sulfate 325 mg orally once a day and Iron Sulfate 325 mg orally twice a day. However, Ferrous Sulfate and Iron Sulfate are the same medication;
 - Respondent failed to include Insulin on the patient's discharge instructions, even though the patient had been receiving Insulin while hospitalized; and
 - Respondent failed to include K-Dur, a Potassium supplement, on the instructions, even though the patient had a prescription for K-Dur from the physician.
- Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm from excessive doses of medications which could result in too low of a blood pressure, dizziness, gastrointestinal upset, constipation, elevated blood glucose levels, possible diabetic coma, muscle weakness, and/or cardiac arrhythmias.
8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she did inform the family that the medications she placed an asterisk by, the Nifedipine and Procardia, were duplicates, as were the Iron Sulfate and Ferrous Sulfate. Respondent offered to contact the physician for clarification, but the family refused and left, stating they would contact the physician themselves. Respondent wrote that the physician's discharge instructions did not include Insulin or K-Dur, and again the family stated they would contact the physician themselves for clarification.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555 , the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 217.11(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(D), (1)(N)&(1)(P) and 217.12(1)(A)&(4).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 709089, heretofore issued to MARIA EUGENIA CARRION, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license is encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-sized license issued to MARIA EUGENIA CARRION to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days of the date of ratification of this Order for appropriate notation.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the

Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding Sexual Misconduct, Fraud, Theft and Deception, Nurses with Chemical Dependency, and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <http://www.bon.state.tx.us/about/stipscourses.html>.*

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length of classroom time. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL cause the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Board's office to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <http://www.bon.state.tx.us/about/stipscourses.html>.*

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

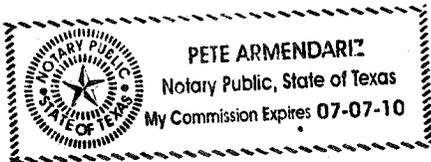
Signed this 6 day of March, 2008.

Maria Eugenia Carrion
MARIA EUGENIA CARRION, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6 day of MARCH, 2008.

SEAL

Pete Armendariz
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 6th day of March, 2008, by MARIA EUGENIA CARRION, Registered Nurse License Number 709089, and said Order is final.

Effective this 10th day of March, 2008.


Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board