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Chris Rhodes
204 Washington St.
Houma, LA 70363

License # 20100470

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners received a report regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. According to the Department of Health and Hospitals, a report of caregiver neglect was substantiated by Thibodaux Healthcare Center. You were terminated 5/22/14 for multiple medication errors and falsification of documentation. It was discovered following an investigation that, although you initialed the MARs indicating you had administered medications, you failed to administer 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. medications to 12 residents on both 5/17/14 and 5/18/14. These residents included a new admission resident and cognitively impaired residents that could not request their medications. You had no explanation as to why the residents did not receive their medication, other than you were overwhelmed.

Louisiana Revised Statutes, 49:961 (C), in pertinent part, provides: "If the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to the effect in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action." LSA-R.S. 49:961(C).

The board has determined that the allegations against you are sufficiently serious to **summarily suspend your LPN license**, in accordance with the above cited authority, and hereby, issues the following Order:

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that based on the information and/or record(s) obtained by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, and a finding "that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action", in accordance with LSA-R.S. 49:961(C), the LPN license of the above named respondent, **Chris Rhodes**, is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.

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Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners
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**You must *immediately* cease and desist the practice of practical nursing and return your current practical nursing license to the Board office.**

The board will schedule your case for the next available formal hearing and will notify you by mail of the date and time. Moreover, the board will continue its investigation of the allegations against you, about which you will be notified by formal complaint, to determine if you are in violation of the following:

**3. being unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit or other causes;**
**8. being guilty of unprofessional conduct;**
- **a. failure to practice practical nursing in accordance with the standards normally expected;**
- **b. failure to utilize appropriate judgment in administering nursing practice;**
- **c. failure to exercise technical competence in carrying out nursing care;**
- **g. improper use of drugs, medical supplies, or patients' records;**
- **i. falsifying records;**
- **j. intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;**
- **p. inappropriate, incomplete or improper documentation;**
- **t. violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.**

**Louisiana Revised Statute, Title 37, Chapter 11. Nurses, Part II. Practical Nurses, Section 969, et. seq.**

Furthermore, you should immediately submit to our office a detailed narrative response to the allegation.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS**

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Executive Director

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