

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS  
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October 14, 2015

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
7015 1730 0001 8796 5651**

Cheryl Poirrier  
605 Bluebonnet Ct, Apt A  
Laplace, LA 70069

License # 950762

Dear Ms. Poirrier:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners received a report on October 9, 2015, regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. The report is concerning an incident that occurred at the Southeast Louisiana War Veterans Home. It alleges that on or about January 8, 2015, you failed to properly assess, monitor, and intervene for a resident following his fall. You falsified documentation, indicating that you performed neurochecks, when you had not done so. Despite both objective and subjective evidence of injury and pain, you did not notify the physician, did not administer medication to the resident, and did not monitor the resident per protocol. The resident was found unresponsive within 8 hours of his fall, and he ultimately expired. You later were unable to recall the events, and exhibited incoherent and slurred speech.

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, **Cheryl Poirrier**, is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.

*M. Lynn Ansardi RN*

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Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners  
M. Lynn Ansardi, RN, Executive Director

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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;**
- 4. being habitually intemperate or addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs;**
- 5. being mentally incompetent;**
- 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;**
  - o. being guilty of moral turpitude;**
  - p. inappropriate, incomplete or improper documentation;**
  - q. using or being under the influence of alcohol, while on duty, and/or while making application for employment, or using or being under the influence of drugs which impair judgment while on duty, or using or being under the influence of illegal drugs whether on or off duty;**
  - r. possess a physical or psychological impairment which interferes with the judgment, skills or abilities required for the practice of practical nursing;**
  - 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.**

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

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
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Executive Director

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