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Rolanda Tanner
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Mamou, LA 70554

License # 230070

Dear Ms. Tanner:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners has received reports regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. The first report is concerning an incident that occurred while you were employed as a licensed practical nurse with Complete Home Health. The Department of Health and Hospitals conducted an investigation and found that an immediate jeopardy situation existed related to a patient assigned to your care on December 7, 2014. You were assigned to care for a patient with diagnoses that included: Cerebral Palsy, Attention to Tracheostomy, Legal Blindness, Cortical Atrophy, Chronic Respiratory Arrest and Respiratory System Disease. You were scheduled from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. on December 7, 2014. You arrived to work late and assumed care for the patient. The patient was experiencing pulmonary complications as evidenced by coughing and increased secretions of mucus. You were instructed by the patient's mother to administer the respiratory treatments every four hours. You failed to notify the agency or the physician of the respondent's change in condition. At approximately 6:45 a.m., you were found in your car in the driveway of the patient's home. You gave report to the oncoming staff from your vehicle and failed to return to the home. You failed to notify the patient's mother that you were leaving the home and the patient was left alone for an undetermined amount of time. Oncoming staff found the patient in his room, alone, crying and appearing to be in pain. The oncoming nurse notified the patient's mother. The patient's temperature was taken, and the first attempt resulted in a reading of "high". On the subsequent attempt, the reading was 107.7. The patient was transported to the emergency room for evaluation. The patient was discharged with diagnoses of acute influenza and pneumonia with secondary bacteria pneumonia, improving, cerebral palsy with associated comorbidities, status post remote tracheostomy and percutaneous gastrostomy placement. You failed to follow the patient's plan of care to assess and perform vitals every shift, and as needed, report any abnormalities. You were terminated from the facility on December 19, 2014.

The second report is concerning an incident that occurred while you were employed with Complete Home Health. You were assigned to care for a pediatric patient with diagnoses that included: Otherwise Specified Congenital Anomalies, Attention to Tracheostomy, Congenital Reduction Deformities B, Attention to Gastrostomy, Diabetes Insipidus, Paralytic Ileus, Hypo-osmolality and/or Hyponatremia, Oliguria and Anuria, Apnea, Effects of Hypothermia, Hyperosmolality and/or Hypernatremia, Hypoglycemia Unspecified and Fitting

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and ADJ Vascular Catheter. It is alleged that during the week beginning on June 8, 2015, you failed to report that the patient's Hydrocortisone needed to be refilled. This is a critical medication for the patient and is ordered to prevent adrenal crisis. This medication is a compound medication and requires two days to fill. On June 12, 2015, it was discovered that the patient was out of medication. A rush order was placed to the pharmacy for the Hydrocortisone and the new medication the physician ordered, however the patient's mother failed to pick up the medications prior to the pharmacy closing. You failed to notify the facility of this occurrence and admit that during the weekend you witnessed the patient's mother administer expired Hydrocortisone tablets to the patient. On June 15, 2014, the patient was ordered to have a mediport flush and labs drawn. This did not occur due to your failure to coordinate the visit with the registered nurse. On June 16, 2015, you reported that you were on an outing with the patient's father, which was not approved and against facility policy. The physician ordered the patient to report to the emergency room due her failure to receive ordered medications and the failure to have lab drawn. It was suspected that you were not with the patient due the number of calls to you from the facility which you failed to answer and the fact that you refused to place the parents on the phone during the times the facility was able to establish contact. You were terminated from the facility for patient endangerment and failing to follow physician orders.

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, **Rolanda Tanner**, 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**
 - j. intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;**
 - l. leaving a nursing assignment without properly notifying appropriate personnel;**
 - 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.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS**

M. Lynn Ansardi RN

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