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State of Wisconsin
Before the Board of Nursing

In the Matter of the Disciplinary Proceedings Against

Lynn Wortman, R.N.

Respondent.

LS9911058NUR

Final Decision and Order

The parties to this proceeding for purposes of s. 227.53, Stats., are:

*Lynn Wortman, R.N.
3061 25th Street
Kenosha WI 53144*

*Board of Nursing
Department of Regulation and Licensing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison WI 53708*

*Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison WI 53708*

The parties having agreed to the attached stipulation, the Board of Nursing makes the following:

Findings of Fact

1. Lynn Wortman, R.N., was born on November 30, 1953, and is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 90467, first granted on March 27, 1985.
2. On July 13, 1995, Ms. Wortman was employed by All Saints Visiting Nurses Association. Ms. Wortman, having made several attempts to obtain physicians' signature on orders on patient charts, left her office to go to the physicians' office to get the orders signed. Ms. Wortman returned to her office with the orders signed, but the signatures had been made by Ms. Wortman.
3. On December 3, 1995, while employed by All Saints Visiting Nurses Association Ms. Wortman entered blood pressure readings in a home care patient's chart, but did not actually take the patient's blood pressure that day because she did not have her instruments with her.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to s. 441.07, Stats.

2. By signing the physician's name to a chart and entering blood pressure readings she had not taken, Ms. Wortman violated s. N7.04(6), Wis. Admin. Code.

Order

Now, therefore, Lynn Wortman, R.N., is reprimanded.

It is further ordered that the license previously issued to Lynn Wortman is limited, by the following conditions:

A. Ms. Wortman shall ensure that her employer files quarterly reports on her conduct of nursing in general, with particular attention to Ms. Wortman's compliance with standards of practice for charting and record keeping. The reports shall be sent by her employer directly to the Division Monitor on or before the tenth of each March, June, September, and December until further order of the Board. The address for the Division Monitor is

Division Monitor

Division of Enforcement

P.O. Box 8935

Madison WI 53708.

After January 2, 2001, Ms. Wortman may petition the Board to remove the quarterly work report limitation from her license.

B. No later than July 15, 2000, Ms. Wortman shall complete a course on nursing ethics approved by the Board. Ms. Wortman shall be responsible for all costs incurred in connection with the course, and shall obtain approval of the course from the Board's designee before she begins the course. The Board's designee for approval of a course in nursing ethics nominated by Ms. Wortman is the Division Monitor, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin, 53708.

C. Ms. Wortman shall immediately return her license certificate to the Board of Nursing, which shall issue a license certificate bearing the legend "Limited" to Ms. Wortman.

Failure to comply with any part of this Order is grounds for discipline, and may be grounds for summary suspension of Ms. Wortman's license to practice nursing in Wisconsin.

Dated this 5th day of November, 1999.

Wisconsin Board of Nursing

Timothy D. Burns, CRNA

A member of the Board