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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JENNIFER L. WEISS, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
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The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.53 are:

*Jennifer L. Weiss
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Hayward, WI 54843*

*Wisconsin Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935*

*Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jennifer L. Weiss (D.O.B. 9/25/70) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse (license # 115453). This license was first granted on June 6, 1994.
2. Respondent's latest address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 10660 Beal Avenue, Hayward, WI 54843.
3. On January 5, 1998, Respondent was employed as a registered nurse at Marshfield Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and was assigned to work the p.m. shift.

4. Policies in effect at Marshfield Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in January, 1998, required that any significant change of condition of a resident must be immediately reported to the attending physician. Examples of "significant changes of condition" included abnormal body temperature and abnormal changes in vital signs.

5. Resident JW was admitted to the rehabilitation center at 2:15 p.m. on January 5, 1998, following hospitalization for pneumonia, sepsis and a shoulder ulcer. JW also experienced chronic hypertension. A physician's note in the hospital discharge summary indicated that the patient's temperature had returned to normal, his vital signs were stable and his chest was clear to auscultation.

6. During the admission assessment of JW Respondent noted that the resident had wheezes in his lung fields. In addition, JW developed an elevated body temperature, 100.8 degrees at 8:00 p.m. and 101.8 degrees at 10:00 p.m.

1. Respondent did not report the changes in condition of resident JW to the physician or nurse supervisor, based upon her judgment that the temperature change was not a significant change, and because there was an existing physician order for acetaminophen.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By the conduct described above, Jennifer L. Weiss is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 441.07(1)(b), (c) and (d), and Wis. Adm. Code sec. N 7.03(1)(a), (b) and (c), and N 7.04(1) and (15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that :

1. Jennifer L. Weiss is REPRIMANDED.

1. The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information".

2. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

By:

Timothy D. Burns, CRNA,

Board Chair

November 5, 1999

Date