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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
	:	
GAIL RUTH SEEGER, R.N.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0000114

Division of Enforcement Case No. 08NUR443

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Gail Ruth Seeger, R.N.
13844 S. Baltimore Road
P.O. Box 133
Bruce Crossing, MI 49912

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

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 of Nursing. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Gail Ruth Seeger, R.N., Respondent, date of birth September 29, 1950, is licensed by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 132488-30, which was first granted July 13, 1999.

2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 13844 S. Baltimore Road, P.O. Box 133, Bruce Crossing, Michigan 49912.

3. On all dates relevant to this matter Respondent was employed as a registered nurse at Aspirus Lillian Kerr Healthcare Center, 2383 State Highway 17, Phelps, Wisconsin 54554.

4. On November 19, 2008, the Department of Health and Family Services (now Department of Health Services) concluded a survey of the facility at which Respondent was the Registered nurse.

5. In June 2008, Resident BS was admitted in June 2008 after hospitalization for congestive heart failure and atrial fibrillation, a new diagnosis for which she was started on Coumadin.

6. On October 12, 2008, a CNA noted bruising on Resident BS's arm during the morning. The CNA reported this to the charge nurse, who did not assess the resident. At 10:14 a.m., Resident BS developed a nose bleed, which stopped after ten minutes of pressure to the nose. There was no further assessment of Resident BS and no contact with the physician. At 4 p.m. Resident BS was given her scheduled dose of Coumadin.

7. That evening, Respondent's charting indicates that Resident BS had a massive bruising and a large hematoma to the arm and a scratch above the eye that had serious draining. Respondent indicates that she and Resident BS's daughter made a decision to wait and to call the physician the following day.

8. Respondent's practice fell below minimal standards of the profession of registered nursing when she failed to contact a physician regarding the change of condition in an elderly Coumadin patient.

9. Following this incident, Respondent underwent in-service training on a new Coumadin monitoring policy.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07 and authority to enter into this stipulated resolution pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent, by the conduct described above, failing to report significant changes in the condition of a patient to a physician, which is negligence, pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code § N 7.03(1)(c) and subjects her to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(d).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the attached Stipulation is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, effective the date of this Order:

1. Respondent, Gail Ruth Seeger, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED for the above conduct.

2. Respondent shall, within 90 days of the date of this Order, pay to the Department of Regulation and Licensing costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$150.00 pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.22(2).

3. All requests, notifications and payment shall be mailed, faxed or delivered to:

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4. In the event Respondent fails to pay costs as ordered, Respondent's license SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: 
A Member of the Board

3/25/10
Date