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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
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PATRICIA J. GRIMM, R.N. : Order \_\_\_\_\_  
RESPONDENT. : **ORDER 0001063**

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Division of Enforcement Case # 10NUR032

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

Patricia J. Grimm, R.N.  
27375 Barnett Lane  
Lone Rock, WI 53556-9000

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

Department of Safety and Professional Services  
Division of Enforcement  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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. 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. Patricia J. Grimm (D.O.B. 5/16/1950) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a professional nurse (license # 123584). This license was first granted on July 24, 1996.
2. Respondent's address of record on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 27375 Barnett Lane, Lone Rock, WI 53556-9000.
3. Respondent, while working as an in-home nurse and case manager for Patient A, who is ventilator dependent with a tracheostomy tube, fell asleep during her night shift and failed

to respond when Patient A's alarm sounded indicating her tracheostomy tube had fallen out. Patient A's mother responded to the alarm and later woke Respondent, informing her that Respondent slept through the alarm.

### CONCLUSION OF LAW

By the conduct described above, respondent is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(d) and Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.04(4).

### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that :

1. Patricia J. Grimm, R.N., is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct in this matter.

2. The license of Respondent to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin is LIMITED as follows: no later than four months after the date of this Order, Respondent shall demonstrate successful completion of the following course offered by the Learning Extension of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (or its substantial equivalent, which has been pre-approved by the Board or its designee): *Ethics of Nursing Practice* (4.8 hours).

3. Any requests, petitions, reports and other information required by this Order shall be mailed, e-mailed, faxed or delivered to:

Department Monitor  
Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services  
Division of Enforcement  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935  
Fax: (608) 266-2264  
Telephone: (608) 267-3817

4. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely demonstrate compliance with the ordered continuing education as set forth above, the Respondent's license (#123584) may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has demonstrated completion of the continuing education.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall pay the costs of investigating and prosecuting this matter, in the amount of \$250.00, within 120 days of this Order. If not paid,

Respondent's license may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be **SUSPENDED** without further notice or hearing, until they are paid in full, together with any accrued interest.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Laura M. Wiley, APRN 9/1/11  
A Member of the Board Date

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