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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION & ORDER
APRIL COATES, R.N.	:	FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
	:	ORDER 0002040

Division of Enforcement Case No. 12NUR162

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

April Coates, R.N.
155 Rye Bluff Road, Apt. 248
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Division of Enforcement
Department of Safety and Professional Services
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
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Board of Nursing
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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 of Nursing. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. April Coates, R.N., (DOB 04/20/1973) is licensed as a professional nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license no. 178412-30). This license was first granted on June 22, 2011.

2. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 155 Rye Bluff Road, Apt. 248, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, 54615.

3. At all times relevant, Respondent was employed as a professional nurse at Pine View Care Center in Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

4. On December 7, 2011, Patient A had purulent drainage from a surgical site. It was documented that the drainage was so much that the entire gown and bed linens were soaked. However, licensee failed to assess the wound or notify the physician regarding the drainage.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. April Coates, R.N., shall, at her own expense and within six (6) months of the date of this Final Decision and Order, take and successfully complete a course on infections and draining wounds and reporting of changes in condition. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be preapproved by the Board of Nursing or its designee. Licensee will be responsible for locating a course(s) satisfactory to the Board of Nursing and for obtaining the required approval of the courses from the Board of Nursing or its designee. Licensee will within 60 days of completion of this educational requirement file an affidavit with the Board of Nursing stating under oath that she has attended in its entirety each of the courses approved for satisfaction of this requirement along with supporting documentation of attendance from the sponsoring organizations.

2. Licensee shall, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of Three Hundred and Ninety-Five Dollars (\$395.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.

3. All affidavits, reports and payments shall be mailed to:

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

All affidavits, reports and payments required to be filed with the Board of Nursing will be deemed filed upon receipt by the Department Monitor.

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 Licensee'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 Licensee fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education as set forth above, the Licensee's license (no. 178412-30) may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be **SUSPENDED**, without further notice or hearing, until Licensee has complied with payment of the costs or completion of the continuing education.

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

Wisconsin Board of Nursing

By: Julia Nelson, RN
A Member of the Board

9/13/12
Date