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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ADEWUNMI O. GEORGE, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

0004277

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 NUR 068

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

Adewunmi O. George, R.N.
6527 N. 55th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53223

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Board of Nursing (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, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Adewunmi O. George, R.N., (dob May 25, 1960) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a professional nurse, having license number 125868-30, first issued on March 25, 1997 and current through February 29, 2016. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 6527 North 55th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53223.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a professional nurse at a nursing facility (Facility) and at a mental health services center (Center), both located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

3. At the Facility, Respondent provided nursing services to Medicaid recipient patients and then prepared "Nurse Visit Reports." This form is used by nurses who work independently in order to bill the appropriate entity for services rendered. The report form contains the patient's identifying and medical information, the date and times of service, the total hours billed, and the nurse's name and signature. Respondent submitted her report forms to management at the Facility which then submitted the payments to Medicaid through a billing service.

4. During the period of January through February 2009, Respondent submitted nurse visit report forms to the Facility for ten (10) dates that conflicted with dates that she was working at the Center.

5. The Facility submitted those report forms for payment and Respondent subsequently received payment for the dates of service at the Facility when, in fact, she had been working at the Center.

6. On June 2, 2015, Respondent was charged with two (2) counts of submitting false statements in support of claims to the Wisconsin Medicaid program, contrary to Wis. Stat. 49.49(1)(a)1 and (b)2, an unclassified misdemeanor, in Milwaukee County case number 2015CF115. The case remains pending.

7. Respondent neither admits nor denies the above allegations, but consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

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 pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.04(13)¹ by obtaining or attempting to obtain any compensation by fraud, misrepresentation, deceit or undue influence in the course of nursing practice.

3. As a result of the above conduct, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(b) and (d)².

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Adewunmi O. George, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

¹ All references to Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.04 refer to the code as it existed before August 1, 2014.

² Wis. Stat. (2011-2012).

3. The professional nursing license issued to Respondent Adewunmi O. George, R.N., (license number 125868-30) and her privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact, are LIMITED as follows:

- a. Respondent shall provide her nursing employers with a copy of this Order before engaging in any nursing employment.
- b. For a period of at least two (2) years while working at least half-time as a nurse, Respondent shall work only under direct supervision, and only in a work setting pre-approved by the Board. Respondent shall not work in a home health, assisted living, agency or pool position.
- c. For a period of at least two (2) years while working at least half-time as a nurse, Respondent shall arrange for her nursing employer(s) to send to the Department Monitor quarterly reports, reporting the terms and conditions of her employment and evaluating her work performance.
- d. Pursuant to Nurse Licensure Compact regulations, Respondent's nursing practice is limited to Wisconsin during the pendency of this limitation. This requirement may be waived only upon the prior written authorization of both the Wisconsin Board of Nursing and the regulatory board in the state in which Respondent proposes to practice.
- e. Respondent shall notify the Department Monitor of any change of nursing employment during the time in which the Order is in effect. Notification shall occur within fifteen (15) days of a change of employment and shall include an explanation of the reasons for the change.
- f. After two (2) years of working at least half-time as a nurse, Respondent may petition the board for the modification or termination of the limitation. The Board may grant or deny the petition, in its discretion, or may modify this Order as it sees fit.

4. Within 120 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$100.00.

5. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

6. 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 submit payment of the costs as ordered or fails to submit work reports Respondent's license (no. 125868-30) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of costs and submitted the ordered work reports.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

by: Jessy Newman DNP, APRN
A Member of the Board

10-8-15
Date

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 NUR 068

Respondent Adewunmi O. George, R.N., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

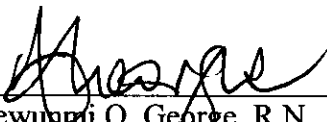
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.


8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.




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Date



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