

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

BARBARA M. REDENIUS, R.N.,  
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 NUR 656

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

Barbara M. Redenius, R.N.  
868 Blaine Ave.  
Janesville, WI 53545

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 Barbara M. Redenius, R.N., (dob September 22, 1974) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a professional nurse, having license number 219357-30, first issued on September 17, 2014, and current through February 28, 2020. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 868 Blaine Avenue, Janesville, Wisconsin 53545.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a professional nurse at a home health agency providing cares for Patient A in Madison, Wisconsin.

3. Respondent has no prior disciplinary history with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing.

4. On August 24, 2016, Respondent documented the following in Patient A's visit note record:

- a. Under the category "date and time into the residence," Respondent documented, "8/24/2016 11:27:00 a.m."
- b. Under the category "date and time out of the residence," Respondent documented, "8/24/2016 12:23:00 p.m."
- c. Under the category "vital signs," Respondent documented, "Vital signs not relevant to visit need."
- d. Under the category "pupils reaction to light," Respondent documented, "Perrla."
- e. Under the category "lung sounds," Respondent documented, "diminished."

5. On September 14, 2016, Respondent documented the following in Patient A's visit note record:

- a. Under the category "date and time into the residence," Respondent documented, "9/14/2016 1:02:00 p.m."
- b. Under the category "date and time out of the residence," Respondent documented, "9/14/2016 1:47:00 p.m."
- c. Under the category "vital signs," Respondent documented, "Vital signs not relevant to visit need."
- d. Under the category "pupils reaction to light," Respondent documented, "Perrla."
- e. Under category "lung sounds," Respondent documented, "diminished."

6. Findings such as pupils reaction to light and lung sounds could not be ascertained without physically assessing the patient.

7. On January 5, 2017, Respondent provided a written response to the Department. In her response, Respondent confirmed that Patient A often refused in person visits so she would contact him by phone and document it as a visit note.

8. Respondent admits that documenting the pupils reaction to light and lung sounds was documented in error, and asserts she requested but was denied an opportunity to correct the record.

9. There is no allegation that the above-described conduct resulted in any patient harm.

10. Respondent denies she engaged in unprofessional conduct, but to avoid the expense and uncertainty of litigation, Respondent 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, Barbara M. Redenius, R.N., violated Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(5)(a), by falsifying or inappropriately altering reports, patient documentation, agency records or other health documents.

3. As a result of the above conduct, Barbara M. Redenius, R.N., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1g)(b) and (d).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Barbara M. Redenius, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

3. The professional nursing license issued to Respondent Barbara M. Redenius, R.N., (license number 219357-30) and her privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact, are LIMITED as follows:

- a. Within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, Respondent, at her own expense, shall complete five (5) hours of education on the topic of documentation and three (3) hours of education on the topic of ethics and professionalism. Respondent is responsible for finding an appropriate course and submitting the course information to the Board or its designee for approval prior to taking the course and in sufficient time to obtain Board approval within the ninety (90) day time frame, taking into account the Board's meeting schedule. Respondent shall provide proof of completion of the education to the Department Monitor.
- b. Respondent shall provide her nursing employer with a copy of this Order before engaging in any nursing employment. Respondent shall provide the Department Monitor with written acknowledgment from each nursing employer that a copy of this Order has been received. Such acknowledgment shall be provided to the Department Monitor within fourteen (14) days of beginning new employment and/or within fourteen (14) days of the date of this Order for employment current as of the date of this Order.
- 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 Respondent's 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, Barbara M. Redenius, R.N., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$405.00.

5. Request for approval of courses, proof of successful course completion and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent 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](mailto:DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov)

They may also be submitted online via the Department's Monitoring Case Management System at <https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring>

6. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (219357-30) or Respondent's right to renew her license, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

by: Pamela Kubitz, RN  
A Member of the Board

2/14/19  
Date

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 NUR 656

Respondent Barbara M. Redenius, 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. Respondent is represented by Attorney Amy F. Scholl.

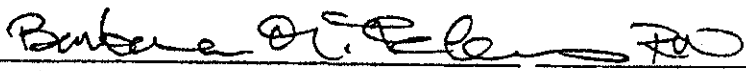
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives 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.

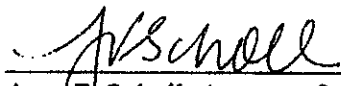
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes 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.

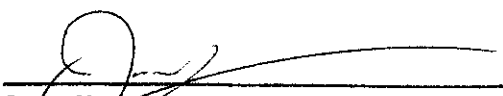
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

  
Barbara M. Redenius, R.N., Respondent  
868 Blaine Avenue  
Janesville, WI 53545  
License no. 219357-30

1/31/19  
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