November 28, 2004

Heidi Healy
44219 294th St
Irene, SD 57037

Dear Heidi,

The South Dakota Board of Nursing met in Sioux Falls, SD for its regularly scheduled meeting on November 18-19, 2004. The Board was informed that you admitted to leaving your patient assignment without giving the employer reasonable notice to find a replacement for the remainder of your shift.

Based upon the information outlined above, the Board determined you were in violation of SDCL § 36-9-49. As a result, the Board ordered this Letter of Reprimand be issued to you in accordance with disciplinary proceedings outlined in ARSD 20:48:08 with a copy of the Reprimand placed in your nursing file at the Board office. This final action of the Board will be published in the Board of Nursing newsletter as required by Administrative Rules of South Dakota.

Additionally, the Board ordered you to complete the learning module Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses. You are responsible to purchase and complete this module and to return to the Board office, no later than March 1, 2005, a successful certificate of completion. You can register for this 3—week module on the following web site: www.learningext.com

In the future, when you complete your South Dakota license renewal form, you must answer “yes” to the following question:

Has your license or certification in any state or Canadian province been denied, revoked, suspended, stipulated, placed on probation or otherwise subjected to any type of disciplinary action?

When answering “yes” to a question on your renewal form explain the dates and circumstances on a separate piece of paper and submit along with your other renewal forms.

If you have any questions related to this matter please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Linda Young, MS, RN
Nursing Practice Specialist