The South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") met in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for its regular meeting on June 12, 2014.

At that meeting the Board was advised of an informal meeting that was held between you and Board staff on May 7, 2014, regarding your failure to adequately assess and adequately document a fall injury that was sustained by a resident under your care at a long term care facility. You had also failed to contact the on-call RN or the physician as required. The decision to keep the patient under observation and not do further intervention was practicing beyond your scope of practice.

Based on the information provided to the Board, the Board has determined that your conduct is in violation of SDCL § 36-9-49(5) in that you acted in a manner inconsistent with the health or safety of persons entrusted to your care.
Therefore, the Board, according to the disciplinary procedures outlined in ARSD 20:48:08, issues this Letter of Reprimand. In addition, the Board will require you to complete learning modules on: (1) Professional Wrongdoing, and (2) Critical Thinking, Working Effectively. You can register for the Professional Wrongdoing remediation module at www.learningext.com. The Critical Thinking, Working Effectively module can be obtained at the following website: www.RN.com. You are responsible to purchase and complete these modules and return them to the Board office no later than August 18, 2014, with successful certificate of completion.

This final action is reportable discipline and will be published in the Board’s newsletter, posted on its website, and reported into the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as required by law. As this is a reportable discipline, you are required to provide an affirmative response to inquiries of disciplinary action on further renewals and other nursing related inquiries.

Dated this 18 day of June, 2014.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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