

July 19, 2004

Rita Schipke  
1220 South Hwy 281  
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Dear Ms. Schipke:

At its regular meeting on July 15-16, 2004, the Board of Nursing considered the complaint regarding your nursing practice while employed at Eckrich Urology Clinic and voted to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

Based upon the information outlined above, the Board determined that you were in violation of provisions of SDCL § 36-9-49 including (7) for violating provisions of ARSD 20:48:04:01 related to the scope of nursing practice; and (10) for incompetence and unprofessional conduct. As a result of these violations, the Board ordered that a Letter of Reprimand be issued to you in accordance with the 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 the Administrative Rules of South Dakota.

Additionally, the Board ordered that you complete the Ethics Module and the Module on Legal Aspects of Documenting Nursing Care. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Ethics Module. NurseLearn, a division of Diversified Healthcare Consulting, provides self-study learning materials for customers at [www.nurselearn.com](http://www.nurselearn.com). You will be responsible for purchase and completion of the modules for Legal Aspects of Documenting Nursing Care (SSP-005). These modules must be completed with the Ethics Module and the completion certificate for the Documentation Module returned by October 30, 2004.

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, you are to explain the dates and circumstances on a separate piece of paper, which is submitted along with license renewal forms.

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

Sincerely,

Michele Crissman, MS, RN  
Nursing Licensure Specialist

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