



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND REGULATION

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August 2, 2004

Karen Schroeder
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Dear Ms. Schroeder:

At its regular meeting on July 15-16, 2004, the South Dakota Board of Nursing voted to issue a Letter of Reprimand to you because of a recent complaint regarding your nursing practice. The complaint involved documentation issues and practicing outside of the scope of nursing.

Based upon the information outlined above, the Board determined that you were in violation of provisions of SDCL § 36-9-49 including (5) for negligently, willfully or intentionally acting in a manner inconsistent with the health or safety of persons entrusted to your care; (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 Board of Nursing's Ethics Module and also the Module on Legal Aspects of Documenting Nursing Care. I have enclosed the Ethics Module. NurseLearn, a division of Diversified Healthcare Consulting, provides self-study learning materials for customers at www.nurselearn.com. You will be responsible for purchase and completion of these modules for Legal Aspects of Documenting Nursing Care (SSP-005). These modules must be completed and the completion certificates 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,

Gloria Damgaard, MS, RN
Executive Secretary