



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND REGULATION  
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September 21, 1999

Sara Elbers  
206 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Canton, SD 57013

Dear Ms. Elbers,

The South Dakota Board of Nursing met in Sioux Falls, SD for its regularly scheduled meeting on September 16, 1999. The Board was informed that you had allowed your nursing license to lapse for more than one week and that you admitted to practicing nursing during the time your license was invalid.

Based upon the information outlined above, the Board determined that you were in violation of SDCL 36-9-68 for practicing nursing without a valid license from July 6, 1999 through July 21, 1999, when your license was reinstated. As a result of this violation, the Board ordered that this 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 file at the Board office. Additionally, this final action of the Board will be published in the Board of Nursing newsletter as set forth in the administrative rules. Please be aware that any further violations of SDCL Chapter 36-9 may result in more serious action by the Board.

In the future, when you complete your South Dakota license renewal form, you must answer "yes" to the 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 regarding this matter please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carey Duffy RN; BA  
Nursing Practice Specialist