

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE
PROCEEDINGS :

RE: NATALIE PRAY, RN :

**ORDER OF SUMMARY
SUSPENSION**

License No. R031294 :

Licensee. :

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WHEREAS, Natalie Pray, RN (“Licensee”), is licensed to practice as a nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number R031294;

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2020, the South Dakota Board of Nursing (“Board”) considered an Order for Summary Suspension of Licensee’s South Dakota license pursuant to SDCL § 1-26-29; and

WHEREAS, the Board considered the facts presented by the South Dakota Health Professionals Assistance Program and, after meeting and discussing the information received, approved this Order of Summary Suspension by a majority vote of 9-0.

It is hereby ORDERED:

1. The Board has a statutory obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL § 36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners.
2. The Board has jurisdiction over the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
3. The Board accepts the facts at this time contained in the reports and letters received from the Health Professional Assistance Program and specifically finds, pursuant to

Order of Summary Suspension

SDCL 1-26-29, that the actions of the Licensee as set forth in those reports and incorporated herein endanger the public health, safety and welfare, and imperatively require emergency action in that Licensee may endanger the health and safety of those persons who are or will be entrusted to her care in the future and that these are matters of a nature that would constitute further grounds for discipline under SDCL § 36-9-49.

4. Based upon these findings, Licensee's license to practice nursing in South Dakota is hereby summarily suspended. Licensee shall turn in her license to the Board within ten (10) days from the date of this Order and it shall be kept by the Board until further action on this matter.

5. Licensee is hereby notified that any practice of or holding herself out as a nurse during the terms of this Order of Summary Suspension is a violation of SDCL § 36-9-68(5).

6. This action is reportable discipline and will be published in the Board's newsletter and posted on its website and reported into the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as required by law.

7. This summary suspension continues pending proceedings for revocation or other action. Contested case proceedings under SDCL 1-26 shall be promptly instituted so that the Board may enter a final determination regarding disciplinary or corrective action after a formal contested case hearing.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2020.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

By: Gloria Damgaard
Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS
Its: Executive Director