

**BEFORE THE OREGON  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

**In the Matter of** ) **STIPULATED ORDER FOR**  
**Catherine Hutchison, RN** ) **REPRIMAND OF LICENSE**  
)  
**License No. 089000554RN** ) **Reference No. 15-01331**

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The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including Registered Nurses. Catherine Hutchison (Licensee) was issued a Registered Nurse License by the Board on August 23, 1989.

On or about March 9, 2015, the Board received information that Licensee had failed to follow appropriate teaching and documentation of delegations for unlicensed caregivers while working as a contract nurse at Sunshine Home. There was no report of patient harm. The Board opened an investigation into the matter.

During the course of the investigation it was determined Licensee had provided services as a contract nurse providing nursing services and delegation of nursing tasks. However, Licensee failed to complete and document an independent nursing assessment with the plan of care for each patient when completing the delegations on two patients at Sunshine Home.

Licensee on her own initiative completed coursework on Delegations in the Community Based Care Setting and provided the Board a copy of the plan of correction.

By the above actions, Licensee is subject to discipline pursuant to ORS 678.111 (1) (f) and (g) and OAR 851-045-0070 (1) (a) and (f) and (3) (b), which reads as follows:

ORS 678.111 Causes for denial, revocation, suspension of license or probation, reprimand or censure of licensee In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183 for a contested case:

(1) Issuance of the license to practice nursing, whether by examination or by indorsement, of any person may be refused or the license may be revoked or suspended or the licensee may be placed on probation for a period specified by the Oregon State Board of Nursing and subject to such condition as the board may impose or may be issued a limited license or may be reprimanded or censured by the board, for any of the following causes:

(f) Conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing.

(g) Violation of any provision of ORS 678.010 to 678.445 or rules adopted thereunder.

OAR 851-045.0070: Conduct Derogatory to the Standards of Nursing Defined

Nurses, regardless of role, whose behavior fails to conform to the legal standard and accepted standards of the nursing profession, or who may adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, may be found guilty of conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing. Such conduct shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Conduct related to the client's safety and integrity:

(a) Developing, modifying, or implementing standards of nursing practice/care which jeopardize patient safety.

(f) Improperly delegating tasks of nursing care to unlicensed persons in settings where a registered nurse is not regularly scheduled.

(3) Conduct related to communication:

(b) Incomplete recordkeeping regarding client care; including, but not limited, to failure to document care given or other information important to the client's care or documentation which is inconsistent with the care given.

Licensee wishes to cooperate with the Board in this matter. Therefore, the following will be proposed to the Oregon State Board of Nursing and is agreed to by Licensee:

**That the Registered Nurse license of Catherine Hutchison be reprimanded.**

Licensee understands that the conduct resulting in the violations of law described in this Order are considered by the Board to be of a serious nature and, if continued, constitutes a danger to public health and safety.

Licensee understands that in the event she engages in future conduct resulting in violations of law or the Nurse Practice Act, the Board may take further disciplinary action against her license, up to and including revocation of her license to practice as a Registered Nurse.

Licensee understands that this Order will be submitted to the Board of Nursing for its approval and is subject to the Board's confirmation.

Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulated Order, she waives the right to an administrative hearing under ORS 183.310 to 183.540, and to any judicial review or appeal thereof. Licensee acknowledges that no promises, representations, duress or coercion have been used to induce her to sign this Order.

Licensee understands that this Order is a document of public record.

Licensee has read this Stipulated Order, understands this Order completely, and freely signs this Stipulated Order for Reprimand.

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Catherine Hutchison, RN

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Date

**ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED:

**BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF OREGON**

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Gary Hickmann, RN  
Board President

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Date

SIGNED & DATED COPY ON FILE AT BOARD OFFICE