

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Dylan Delaney

Date: 10/1/21

DAS Assignment # 1 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Lynne Marie Aniceto

License number of the defendant: 587325

Date action was taken against the license: June 7th 2018

Type of action taken against the license: Remedial Education

Use the space below to describe the events which led to action taken against the license. If multiple charges were in play, be sure and cite them, e.g. drug diversion, HIPAA violation, abandonment, forfeiture on student loans, etc.

On November 2, 2017 the nurse disclosed the patients confidential medical information to the patients employer via a fax. The nurse exposed the patient to a risk by sending the medical records to the employer without the patients authorization. By sending confidential patient information the nurse violated HIPAA. Upon realizing the mistake, the nurse told the nurse manager and communicated with the patients employer asking them to shred the documents.

Use the space below to provide a description of measures you think could have prevented any action being taken against the license and/or would have prevented harm to the patient, if harm occurred. Consider which universal competencies were violated.

This situation could have been prevented if the nurse double checked what she was faxing to the patients employer. The nurse was likely faxing information to the patients employer that was not confidential or that the patient had authorized to be sent, and the nurse was not careful to check what documents were being sent. Slowing down and taking the time to double check ones actions could have prevented this breach in privacy.

Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first to person to discover the event described, in other words, you are the one who discovers the patient has been harmed by the nurse or you have discovered the impairment or criminal activity cited in the disciplinary action.

In this instance, the nurse who faxed the information was the one to notice the error, and did exactly what was needed. The nurse promptly told the nurse manager and then called the patients employer asking for them to shred the documents that were accidentally sent.

As a nurse who first discovered the event, the proper steps would be to inform the nurse who sent the wrong document and inform the nurse manager so the appropriate steps could be taken to remediate the situation.