

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Sadie Burrow

Date: 08/30/2024

DAS Assignment # 2

Name of the defendant: Matthew Aycock

License number of the defendant: 825850

Date action was taken against the license:

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

- *Use the space below to describe the events which led to the action(s) 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.*

Matthew Aycock was assigned as the charge nurse at Park Plaza LTC Partners Inc., San Angelo, Texas. On or about February 2, 2021, through February 24, 2021, respondent inappropriately administered insulin to a resident against the physician's order. The respondent inappropriately administered insulin on seven occasions. The RN was given physician orders to hold the insulin if the patients' blood sugar was below 110 mg/dL. Respondent proceeding to keep administering insulin to the resident while knowing her blood sugar readings were less than 110 mg/dL. The resident then started to become severely hypoglycemic and was admitted to Shannon Medical Center. At the hospital the patient was diagnosed with and treated for metabolic encephalopathy. The nurse also failed to appropriately document in the patients' medical record. The RN did not document the change in condition for the patient and did not document how they became unresponsive and clammy. The RN also did not document when the patient was having to be transferred to the hospital.

*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.*

The license could have been prevented from being revoked if the respondent followed physician orders and did not administer the insulin knowing he shouldn't have. The RN knew that he was ordered to hold the insulin if the blood sugar level was below 110 mg/dL, but he proceeded to administer it anyways on seven occasions! This is going against the 7 rights of medication administration because he was not giving the patient the medication for the right reason. The reason for this patient's insulin administration would be if their blood sugar was over 110 mg/dL, however it wasn't.

The respondent also could have prevented his license being revoked if he would have documented what happened to the patient before having to be transferred to a hospital. When the patient became unconsciousness and clammy, he should have assessed the patient and documented it. This resulted in an incomplete medical record for the patient because the RN was not complete with his documenting.

- *Identify ALL universal competencies were violated and explain how.*

Universal competencies that were violated in this license revocation were, critical thinking, documentation and safety and security.

**Safety and Security** was violated when the RN did not follow the seven rights of medication administration. The reason for the patient's insulin prescription was if their blood sugar level was over 110 mg/dL. The RN went directly against the physicians' orders that said do not administer if their blood sugar was below 110 mg/dL. He did this seven times and ultimately caused for the patient to become severely hypoglycemic.

**Critical thinking** was violated when the RN still administered the insulin to the patient on seven occasions when he knew it went against the physicians' orders. The RN knew the patients' blood sugar levels were lower than 110 mg/dL, but he still chosen to administer it. He should have held the insulin order and contacted the physician if he had any questions on the medication order.

**Documentation** was violated when the RN failed to document what happened to the patient before they were transferred to the hospital. He failed to document the interventions that had to be taken place for the patient. He failed to document that the patient was unresponsive and clammy before being admitted. This led to the patients' medical record being incomplete.

- *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.*

If I was the first nurse to discover that the respondent was inappropriately administering insulin to the patient, I would report it immediately. I would check the patients' blood sugar levels at that time and assess the patient from there. Since the respondent was the charge nurse I would have to report it to the facility. It stated the patient was very hypoglycemic and said the patient was unresponsive and clammy. I would immediately call 911 and report the incident so the patient could be taken care of. I would contact the patient's physician and update them on the occurrence that happened with the patient.