

# Secretary of State Announces Nursing License Suspension

DOVER – Secretary of State Jeffrey Bullock and the state Board of Nursing have suspended the Delaware nursing license of Angela M. Gonzalez-Andino, in light of allegations of unprofessional conduct related to the diversion of prescription medications.

In making this determination, Secretary Bullock and the board considered the findings of an investigation by the Delaware Department of Justice, which has alleged that Ms. Gonzalez-Andino was engaged in an improper relationship with a substance use disorder patient to whom she provided altered dosages of methadone without a doctor's order. Ms. Gonzalez-Andino is a licensed practical nurse and a former employee of Connections Community Support Programs and is currently on administrative suspension. The alleged unprofessional conduct took place in April and May of this year.

Delaware Code Title 24 enables a temporary suspension pending a hearing to be issued upon the written order of the Secretary of State with the concurrence of the board chair, if the activity of the licensee presents a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety or welfare.

The suspension of Ms. Gonzalez-Andino will remain in effect for a period of 60 days, during which time disciplinary hearings will be held or the final disposition for this individual will take place. As the result of a hearing, the Board of Nursing has the authority to impose disciplinary sanctions up to and including revocation of a practitioner's license or certification.

The licensure status of Ms. Gonzalez-Andino has been updated on the Division of Professional Regulation's online license

verification service.