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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IN RE: **DOREEN M. ADAMS, RN**
of Hebron, ME
License RN27707

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
FOR
WARNING**

Complaint 2015-178

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 31, the Maine State Legislature endowed the Board with the power and duty to regulate the practice of nurses licensed by the Board, including issuing licenses and investigating complaints. Pursuant to 10 M.R.S. §8008, the Legislature provided that the sole purpose of the Board is to "protect the public health and welfare" and that "other goals or objectives may not supersede this purpose."

This document is a Consent Agreement ("Agreement") regarding Doreen M. Adams' license as a registered professional nurse ("RN") in the State of Maine. The parties to this Agreement are Doreen M. Adams ("Ms. Adams"), the Maine State Board of Nursing ("the Board"), and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §2105-A (1-A)(A), 10 M.R.S. §§8003 (5)(A-1)(1) and 8003 (5)(B) in order to resolve Complaint 2015-178.

FACTS

1. Doreen M. Adams was first licensed to practice as an RN in Maine by examination on August 14, 1984.
2. On August 13, 2015, the Board received notification from Stephens Memorial Hospital that Ms. Adams had been terminated from the facility for dispensing vendor samples of Insulin to patients. As a result of receiving this information, the Board initiated a complaint against Ms. Adams' Maine nursing license, docketing it as Complaint 2015-178.
3. On August 24, 2015, the Board issued a Notice of Complaint to Ms. Adams regarding Complaint 2015-178.
4. On October 15, 2015, the Board received Ms. Adams's written response to the Notice of Complaint in which she admitted to dispensing vendor samples; however she stated that the samples were only given to patients that could not afford the prescription.

Included in her response was a letter from a medical doctor whom she worked closely with, acknowledging that vendor samples were commonly given to patients who could not afford the prescriptions.

5. This Agreement is offered to resolve Complaint 2015-178 without further proceedings. Absent Ms. Adams's acceptance of this Agreement by signing, dating, and returning it to the Maine State Board of Nursing, 158 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0158 **on or before February 11, 2016**, the Board may take further action. In the absence of an agreement, the Board could impose, subsequent to adjudicatory proceedings, greater adverse action on this matter including fines, suspension or revocation of license.

AGREEMENT

6. Ms. Adams admits to the Facts as stated above and admits that such conduct constitutes grounds for the Board to impose discipline against her Maine nursing license under the following laws and regulations:

32 M.R.S. §2105-A (2)(F) by engaging in conduct that violates any standard of professional behavior which has been established in the practice for which the licensee is licensed including: performing acts



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beyond the authorized scope of the level of nursing for which the individual is licensed (Board Rules Ch. 4 §3(J)).

7. As discipline for the violations, Ms. Adams agrees that she will receive a **WARNING** related to the above-stated conduct.
8. Ms. Adams waives her right to an adjudicatory hearing before the Board or any court regarding all facts, terms and conditions of this Agreement. Ms. Adams agrees that this Agreement is a final order resolving Complaint 2015-178.
9. The Board and the Attorney General may communicate and cooperate regarding Ms. Adams's practice or any other matter related to this Agreement.
10. This Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S. §402 and will be available for inspection and copying by the public pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §408-A.
11. This Agreement constitutes adverse action and is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).
12. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to affect any right or interest of any person not a party hereto.
13. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "execution" means that date on which the final signature is affixed to this Agreement.
14. Ms. Adams acknowledges by her signature hereto that she has read this Agreement, that she has had an opportunity to consult with an attorney before executing this Agreement, that she has executed this Agreement of her own free will and that she agrees to abide by all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

DATED: 2/03/16



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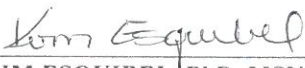
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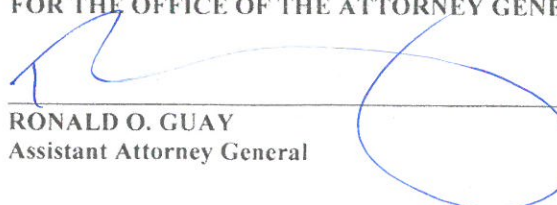
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