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August 29, 2002

Echo C. Aven, R.N.
P.O. Box 525
Hampden, ME 04444

Dear Ms. Aven:

Pursuant to your meeting with the Board August 28, 2002, this will confirm that the Board voted to return to you your registered professional nurse license.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Myra Broadway'.

Myra A. Broadway, J.D., M.S., R.N.
Executive Director

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pc: John H. Richards, Assistant Attorney General



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IN RE: **ECHO C. AVEN**)
 of Hampden, Maine)
 License #R021318) **CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR**
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF
LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Echo C. Aven's license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B) and 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(C). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Echo C. Aven ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine. An informal conference was held on August 22, 2001. The parties reached this Agreement on the basis of information submitted by Community Health and Counseling Services by letters dated May 16, 2000 and May 17, 2000.

FACTS

1. Echo C. Aven has been a registered professional nurse in Maine since 1978.
2. Echo C. Aven was terminated from her position as a registered professional nurse at Community Health and Counseling Services on May 12, 2000 for unauthorized use of prescription pads, the forgery of a physician's name on the prescription pads and altering a prescription.
3. Echo C. Aven admits that she forged the physician's name on a prescription pad and altered her medication prescription on one occasion.
4. The Board finds that Ms. Aven's conduct is a violation of Title 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(A) and (B) the Maine State Board of Nursing Rules, Chapter 4 (1) and (6) and Chapter 4 (3) (K), (P) and (Q), respectively, because she engaged fraud or deceit in connection with service rendered within the scope of the license issued and engaged in unprofessional conduct by violating standards of professional behavior which have been established in the practice of nursing. Specifically, Ms. Aven falsified and altered a health care provider record, and diverted drugs for her own use.



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5. Echo C. Aven has been in treatment with a therapist and medical provider for Dissociative Identity Disorder, anxiety disorder, panic attacks and depression and is currently on SSI - Disability. In addition, Ms. Aven admits that she is not ready to return to the practice of nursing.

AGREEMENT

6. The Board accepts the voluntary surrender of Echo C. Aven's registered professional nursing license, License #R021318.
7. Echo C. Aven understands that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(A), (2)(F) and (2)(H). Ms. Aven understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into this Consent Agreement.
8. Echo C. Aven may petition the Board for reinstatement of her license to probationary status when her therapist and medical provider agree that she is prepared to resume the practice of nursing. Ms. Aven, further agrees that she will arrange for and ensure that the Board receives quarterly reports from her treatment providers regarding the progress of her mental health treatment.
9. Echo C. Aven agrees and understands that her license will not be reinstated until and unless the Board, upon Ms. Aven's written request, votes to reinstate Ms. Aven's license. When considering whether to reinstate Ms. Aven's license on probationary status, the Board will consider her compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the underlying facts of this case.
10. The Board agrees to take no further disciplinary action upon these facts so long as Ms. Aven fully complies with the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement.
11. Echo C. Aven affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
12. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all the parties.

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13. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
14. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, ECHO C. AVEN HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT ANY THREAT OR PROMISE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND.

DATED: 10/30/01

Echo C. Aven
ECHO C. AVEN

FOR THE MAINE STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: Nov 14, 2001

Myra Broadway
MYRA A. BROADWAY, J.D., M.S., R.N.
Executive Director

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 11/20/01

John H. Richards
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