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IN RE: MARYBETH D. EATON )           **CONSENT AGREEMENT**  
       of Plymouth, Maine    )           **FOR WARNING**  
       License #P010161       )           

**INTRODUCTION**

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Marybeth D. Eaton's license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S.A. Section 8003(5)(B) and 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Marybeth D. Eaton, Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties reached this Agreement following an informal conference on October 6, 1999 regarding information submitted by Reginald Dubois thru letter dated July 12, 1998 and Sebasticook Valley Health Care Facility thru letters dated June 26, 1998, August 7, 1998, August 12, 1998, September 2, 1998 and January 1, 1999.

**FACTS**

1. Marybeth D. Eaton has been a licensed practical nurse since May 23, 1990.
2. Marybeth D. Eaton admits to inappropriate contact with the spouse of a former patient which consisted of:
  - a. accepting placement of a phone in her residence registered under the name of her former patient's spouse because of Ms. Eaton's episode of financial hardship;
  - b. assisting her former patient's spouse in the administration of his personal financial matters by writing checks for the payment of bills;
  - c. having a social relationship with her former patient's spouse which continued after the patient deceased.
3. Marybeth D. Eaton denies any sexual contact with the patient's spouse.
4. Marybeth D. Eaton denies any financial exploitation as a result of this relationship.
5. Marybeth D. Eaton has participated in counseling to address the issue of professional boundaries.

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**AGREEMENT**

- 6. Marybeth D. Eaton agrees and understands that her conduct constitutes grounds for discipline regarding her license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine and she understands that this document imposes discipline under 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(2)(F) and (2)(H), more specifically, that Ms. Eaton engaged in behavior that violated professional boundaries. Marybeth D. Eaton is hereby **WARNED**. Ms. Eaton is hereby **WARNED** because she failed to understand and appreciate and adhere to the professional boundaries between a licensed practical nurse and her patient and patient's family.
- 7. The Board agrees to take no further disciplinary action upon these facts so long as Ms. Eaton fully complies with these conditions.
- 8. Marybeth D. Eaton understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering the Consent Agreement.
- 9. Marybeth D. Eaton affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
- 10. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
- 11. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee.
- 12. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

DATED: 10-21-99

Marybeth D. Eaton LPN  
MARYBETH D. EATON, L.P.N.

**FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD  
OF NURSING:**

DATED: Oct. 25, 1999

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

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ATTORNEY GENERAL:**

DATED: 10/26/99

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