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IN RE: SUSAN A. JENSEN, L.P.N. )  
 of Westbrook, Maine ) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**  
 License #P005467 ) **FOR WARNING**

**INTRODUCTION**

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Susan A. Jensen’s license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(A-1)(1), § 8003(5)(B) and 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(A). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Susan A. Jensen (“Licensee”), Maine State Board of Nursing (“Board”) and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties reached this Agreement following an informal conference held on August 22, 2001 on the basis of information submitted by the State of Maine, Department of Human Services, Bureau of Medical Services, Division of Licensing & Certification dated April 19, 2000.

**FACTS**

1. Susan A. Jensen has been a licensed practical nurse licensed by the Board to practice in Maine since 1977.
2. On December 12, 1999 Ms. Jensen was working at the Gorham House where an incident occurred between her and a resident. The resident's diagnoses included Diabetes Mellitus, Amputation, COPD, Cataracts and Glaucoma. The resident has long and short-term memory problems and is severely cognitively impaired. It was reported that Ms. Jensen told the resident who refused to eat her supper that if she didn't eat she would not be able to have a cigarette break. Ms. Jensen states she told the resident that if she didn't feel well enough to eat maybe she shouldn't be smoking either.
3. The Board finds that Ms. Jensen’s behavior was inappropriate and that she violated a resident's rights because no alternative was offered to the resident when she refused to eat. In addition, the Board finds that the obvious interpretation of the statement Ms. Jensen made to the resident amounted to a threat and potential punishment to the resident that she would be denied a cigarette if she didn't eat her meal.
4. The Board finds there was no documented patient harm.



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AGREEMENT

5. Susan A. Jensen agrees and understands that her conduct constitutes grounds for discipline under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(F) and (2)(H). Susan A. Jensen is hereby **WARNED** because she failed to take appropriate action and to follow policies and procedures in the nursing practice designed to safeguard a patient.
6. Susan A. Jensen understands that this Consent Agreement imposes discipline regarding her license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine. Ms. Jensen 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.
7. Susan A. Jensen affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
8. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all the parties.
9. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
10. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

**I, SUSAN A. JENSEN, L.P.N., 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: 9/14/01

Susan Jensen L.P.N.  
SUSAN A. JENSEN, L.P.N.

DATED: 9/14/01

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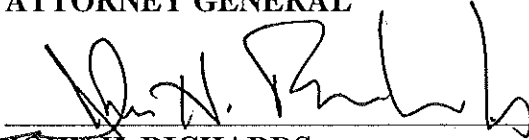
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