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IN RE: LINDA A. PROVENCHER, R.N.)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
of Albion, Maine)	FOR REPRIMAND
License #R025844)	

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Linda A. Provencher's license to practice professional 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) and(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Linda A. Provencher, 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 December 8, 1999 regarding information received from Redington Fairview General Hospital by letter dated August 6, 1998.

FACTS

- 1. Linda A. Provencher has been a registered professional nurse seventeen years.
- 2. On or about August 4, 1998 a patient in the emergency room at Redington Fairview General Hospital complained that Ms. Provencher slapped her across the face. Although the patient admitted she was hysterical, she stated that her conduct did not give a reason for Ms. Provencher to slap her. A lab technician drawing blood at the time heard the slap and witnessed the incident.
- 3. Linda A. Provencher denies that she slapped the patient and stated that she cradled the patient's face tapping her cheeks with her hands.
- 4. The Board finds that the physical contact used by Ms. Provencher was more than mere tapping on the patient's face, and the physical contact used was inappropriate under the circumstances.

AGREEMENT

5. Linda A. Provencher agrees and understands that her conduct constitutes grounds for discipline under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(E)(2), (2)(F), and (2)(H). Linda A. Provencher is hereby **REPRIMANDED** because she caused physical and emotional injury to a patient.



- 6. Linda A. Provencher understands that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice professional nursing in the State of Maine. Ms. Provencher 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.
- Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
- 8. Linda A. Provencher affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
- 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.

Dated: _//9/00

LINDA A. PROVENCHER, R.N.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING:

Dated: Jan 24, 2000

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

Executive Director

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Dated:

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JOHN H. RICHARDS

Assistant Attorney General