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IN RE:	VIRGINIA E. PUTNAM, R.N.)	AMENDMENT TO
	of Brunswick, Maine)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
	License No. R036703)	FOR LICENSE PROBATION

INTRODUCTION

This document amends the April 30, 2007 Consent Agreement ("Agreement") under the terms in Condition 16 of the Agreement regarding Virginia E. Putnam's license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties to this amendment are Virginia E. Putnam ("Licensee" or "Ms. Putnam"), the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine.

FACTS

1. Virginia E. Putnam met with the Board on March 19, 2009 regarding her non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the April 2007 Consent Agreement. The Board's concerns and Ms. Putnam's response are attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1.

AMENDMENT

- 2. Virginia E. Putnam and the Board have agreed to amend the April 2007 Agreement to include a paragraph for immediate suspension pending a hearing and conditions of compliance. Paragraphs 12.a. and 12.b. will be incorporated into the April 2007 Agreement and state as follows:
 - Virginia E. Putnam agrees and understands that if any member of the Board or the 12.a. Board's Executive Director receives reasonably reliable information suggesting that she has not remained substance-free in accordance with the Consent Agreement, her license will be immediately and automatically suspended pending further review by the Board. In the event any member of the Board or its Executive Director receives such information, the information will be immediately forwarded to Ms. Putnam for response. Ms. Putnam agrees and understands that in such event, her license shall remain suspended pending a hearing. The Board shall hold a hearing within 60 days of the automatic suspension unless both the Licensee and the Board agree to hold the hearing later, or the Executive Director and/or the Department of the Attorney General earlier determine that such information is without merit. If the information received is proven to be inaccurate or incorrect, either through hearing or determination by the Executive Director and/or the Department of the Attorney General. Ms. Putnam's license will be immediately reinstated retroactive to the date of suspension.



- 12.b. If Ms. Putnam fails to meet any of the reporting obligations of this Consent Agreement, the Board will give written notice to the Licensee regarding her failure to comply. Notice will be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the Licensee that is on file with the Board. The Licensee has 30 days from receipt of this notification to respond to the Board, in writing, regarding the alleged failure to comply. The Board will review the Licensee's timely response to determine what action, if any, the Board determines to take. If the Licensee fails to timely respond to the Board's notification regarding her failure to comply, her license will be immediately suspended pending a hearing at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. If after a hearing, the Board finds that the Licensee has failed to meet the obligations of this Consent Agreement, the Board may take any disciplinary action which it deems appropriate and impose any of the sanctions including, but not limited to, that found in Title 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003 and Title 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A.
- 3. Virginia E. Putnam understands and agrees that the entire Agreement of April 30, 2007 remains in full force and effect and that Paragraphs 12.a. and 12.b. are incorporated as additional terms to the Agreement.
- 4. This Amendment to the April 30, 2007 Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, VIRGINIA E. PUTNAM, R.N., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE AMEND-MENT TO THE APRIL 30, 2007 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: 5/18/09

VIRGINIA E. PUTNAM, R.N.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: 6/8/09

MYRAA. BROADWAY, J.D., M.S., R.N.

Executive Director

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF

ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: <u>6/11/09</u>

JOHN H. RICHARDS

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