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IN LŒ:	MARY M. READY	)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
	of Ellsworth, Maine	)	FOR VOLUNTARY
	License #P006322	)	SURRENDER OF LICENSE

## INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Mary M. Ready's license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 N.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(C) and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B), (5)(D). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Mary M. Ready ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties have reacted this Agreement in lieu of an adjudicatory hearing that was scheduled in the above capt oned matter for July 21, 2005. The basis for this Agreement is as follows:

## **FACTS**

- Mary M. Ready has been a licensed practical nurse licensed to practice in Maine since 1979.
- 2. The complainant, Ms. A was a patient receiving prenatal care at Generations, P.C., Inc. ("Generations") in 1999-2000, where Ms. Ready was employed as a licensed practical nurse.
- 3. Ms. A is Rh negative. Rh negative means that Ms. A must receive a shot of immune globulin, brand name in her 28<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy to prevent Rh sensitization of the mother. Sensitization occurs when there is cross-over of blood from fetus to the mother. If the mother is Rh sensitized, then the mother's body will recognize the fetus as a foreign substance and will attack the fetus. The attack has the potential of causing severe complications and even death.
- 4. On January 24, 2000, Ms. A had an appointment at Generations, which was approximately Ms. A's 28<sup>th</sup> week.
- 5. Ms. A was not administered the injection of immune globulin on her 28<sup>th</sup> week or at anytime thereafter.
- 6. Ms A's obstetrician concedes that the immune globulin shot was not administered to Ms. A on the January 24, 2000 appointment.



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- 7. Ms. A's obstetrician and Ms. Ready agree that failure to give the shot was discovered when Ms. A came for an unscheduled appointment on February 8, 2000.
- 8. Ms. A's obstetrician claims that she instructed Ms. Ready to administer the immune globulin at the completion of her February 8, 2000 examination.
- 9. Ms. A denies receiving any shot on February 8, 2000.
- 10. On March 9, 2000, a sonogram was performed on Ms. A and symptoms consistent with but not diagnostic of Rh sensitization appeared.
- 11. Generations utilized The American College of Gynecology Antepartum Record ("Form D") to record Ms. A's laboratory results, which includes the 28 week data for the administration of immune globulin.
- 12. Mary Ready documented on Form D to indicate that Ms. A was administered immune globulin on February 8, 2000. The fact is, Ms. A did not receive a shot of immune globulin on February 8, 2000 or at any time thereafter. In addition, Ms. Ready's documentation on Form D notates a specific lot number (Lot 550) to identify the immune globulin that was administered. Further records maintained at Generations, the Service Monitor Report, shows that there were no patients receiving lot number 550 in February of 2000. That record shows that the first patient to receive lot number 550 occurred on March 9, 2000.
- 13. The billing records at Generation show that Ms. A's insurance carrier was never billed for the itemized cost of immune globulin.
- 14. The birth of Ms. A's baby on March 21, 2000, experienced complications from the Rh sensitization.
- 15. Mary Ready has offered to voluntarily surrender her license as a licensed practical nurse.

## **AGREEMENT**

- 16. The Maine State Board of Nursing will accept Mary M. Ready's voluntary surrender of her license, and Ms. Ready agrees and understands that the surrender of her license will be for a period of two years. The effective date of Ms. Ready's surrender will be on September 1, 2005.
- Mary M. Ready neither admits nor denies the facts contained herein, but she acknowledges that if this matter went to a hearing before the Board that it is more likely than not that the facts would support the Board's findings in this Agreement.

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- 18. Mary M. Ready agrees and understands that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice practical nursing and the above-described conduct constitutes grounds for discipline under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(A), (2)(F), and (2)(H) and Chapter, 4(1)(A)(1), (4)(3)(F) and (4)(3)(K) of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing.
- 19. Mary M. Ready understands that this document affects her ability to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine. Ms. Ready also 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.
- 20. Mary M. Ready agrees and understands that her license will remain on surrender status and subject to the terms of this Consent Agreement indefinitely until and unless the Board, at Ms. Ready's written request, votes to reinstate Ms. Ready's license.
- 21. Mary M. Ready shall not work or volunteer in any position holding herself out as a licensed practical nurse or with the designation, L.P.N. while her nursing license is surrendered.
- 22. If Ms. Ready fails to meet any of 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.
- 23. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
- 24. Mary M. Ready affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
- 25. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.

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- This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary 26. signature below.
- I, MARY M. READY HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGHING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, WIT HOUT ANY THREAT OR PROMISE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THE RE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND.

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FOR THE MAINE STATE **BOARD OF NURSING** 

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DATED:

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

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