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IN RE: **TANIA D. SHAFFER, R.N.** ) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**  
 of Lyman, Maine ) **REGARDING WARNING**  
 License #R037185 )

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Tania D. Shaffer's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Maine, entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A) and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Tania D. Shaffer, the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties reach this Agreement following an informal conference held on February 10, 1999 regarding information received by Southern Maine Medical Center by letters dated January 16, 1998 and May 21, 1998.

FACTS

1. Ms. Shaffer admits that she administered intravenous fluids at home to her fiancée, although there are factual disputes as to where Ms. Shaffer obtained the IV fluids.
2. Ms. Shaffer was terminated from her employment at Southern Maine Medical Center.
3. Ms. Shaffer dispensed Immodium without a doctor's order to her fiancée who was not a patient at the hospital.
4. Ms. Shaffer is currently employed at the Maine Medical Center and has a letter of support from her employer.
5. Ms. Shaffer graduated in 1993 and was licensed as a professional nurse in 1994.
6. Ms. Shaffer's prior employer, Southern Maine Medical Center, affirms that Ms. Shaffer has good clinical skills.
7. Ms. Shaffer recognizes that she made a mistake by administering IV fluids to her fiancée and by dispensing Immodium to him at the hospital without a doctor's order.



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AGREEMENT

- 8. Tania D. Shaffer's conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(F).
- 9. Tania D. Shaffer is hereby **WARNED**.
- 10. Tania D. Shaffer understands that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice professional nursing in the State of Maine. Ms. Shaffer 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 the Consent Agreement. Modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all the parties. Ms. Shaffer affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
- 11. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

DATED: 3.13.99

Tania D. Shaffer Straut RN  
TANIA D. SHAFFER, R.N.

DATED: 3/21/99

Judith M. Wohl  
JUDITH M. WOHL, Esq.  
Attorney for Ms. Shaffer

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

DATED: 3/29/98<sup>NB</sup>

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**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL:**

DATED: 3/30/98

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