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IN RE: SHERRY A. VALENTE	)	CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR
of Hiram, Maine	)	VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
License #R028749	)	OF LICENSE

## INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Sherry A. Valente'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)(B) and 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(C). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Sherry A. Valente ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties reached this Agreement on the basis of information submitted by Bridgton Hospital by letter dated July 13, 2000, attached as Exhibit A and by information from the Licensee in a letter dated August 13, 2000, attached as Exhibit B.

### **FACTS**

- 1. On July 13, 2000 Sherry A. Valente was terminated from her employment with Bridgton Hospital after admitting that she diverted drugs from the hospital. See Exhibit A.
- 2. On July 16, 2000 the Board received a letter from Ms. Valente dated July 13, 2000 stating that she is in recovery for substance abuse and voluntarily surrendered her professional nursing license. See Exhibit B.

### **AGREEMENT**

- 3. The Maine State Board of Nursing will accept Sherry A. Valente's voluntary surrender of her license.
- 4. Sherry A. Valente shall not work, in any capacity, in the health care field, including in a veterinarian's office, while her nursing license is surrendered. In addition, Ms. Valente is not to seek employment where the handling or dispensing of drugs is part of the job responsibility.
- 5. Sherry A. Valente may petition the Board for reinstatement of her license. Ms. Valente agrees and understands that her license will not be reinstated until and unless the Board, upon Ms. Valente's written request, votes to reinstate Ms. Valente's license.



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- 6. Sherry A. Valente understands that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine for violations under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(E) and A(2)(F).
- 7. Sherry A. Valente 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.
- Sherry A. Valente affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own 8. free will.
- 9. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
- 10. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
- 11. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, SHERRY A. VALENTE 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:

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: 12/6/00

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

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