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IN RE: HARRIET M. EDDY, L.P.N.)
 of Brownville, Maine) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**
 License #P001349) **FOR WARNING**

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Harriet M. Eddy's license to practice licensed practical nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A (1-A) (A), 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5) (A-1) (1) and § 8003(5) (B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Harriet M. Eddy ("Licensee" or "Ms. Eddy"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties reached this agreement based upon a Complaint dated July 5, 2007 with information submitted by Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services by complaint dated June 13, 2007, in Complaint Investigation No. ME00005081.

FACTS

1. Harriet M. Eddy has been a licensed practical nurse licensed to practice in Maine since 1965.
2. Harriet M. Eddy admitted that she assumed the responsibilities of caring for a resident with dementia and/or Alzheimer's Disease without the proper training in behavioral modification. Specifically, on March 14, 2007 Ms. Eddy, in a raised voice, instructed the resident to stop yelling or she would be put in her room with the door shut. In the State Operations Manual, Appendix PP, Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities, page 61, "mental abuse" includes threats of punishment or deprivation.
3. Harriet M. Eddy has taken the initiative since this incident occurred to complete a course entitled "Alzheimer's Disease: A Complete Guide to Nurses."

AGREEMENT

4. Harriet M. Eddy understands that her conduct in the above stated facts constitutes grounds for discipline under Title 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A (2) (F), (2) (H) and Chapter 4.1.A.6., and Chapter 4.3.B. of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. Harriet Eddy is hereby formally **WARNED** for unprofessional conduct because she assumed duties and responsibilities within the practice of nursing without adequate preparation.



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5. Harriet M. Eddy understands that this Consent Agreement imposes discipline in the form of a formal WARNING on her license to practice licensed practical nursing in the State of Maine. Ms. Eddy 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.
6. Harriet M. Eddy affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
7. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all the parties.
8. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee.
9. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, HARRIET M. EDDY, L.P.N., 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: April 21, 2008

Harriet M. Eddy, L.P.N.
HARRIET M. EDDY, L.P.N.

DATED: April 16, 2008

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DATED: April 23, 2008

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DATED: April 24, 2008

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