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BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE NO.)
R034817 ISSUED TO:)

LOUISE E. WAKEFIELD)

To practice registered professional)
nursing in the State of Maine)

**ORDER TERMINATING
PROBATION**

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2000, License No. R034817 issued to Louise E. Wakefield was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2003, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Louise E. Wakefield's compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Louise E. Wakefield has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation executed on May 29, 2001 is hereby terminated.

DATED this 28th day of August 2003.

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IN RE: **LOUISE E. WAKEFIELD, R.N.**) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**
 of Hollis, Maine) **FOR PROBATION WITH**
 License #R034817) **CONDITIONS**

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Louise E. Wakefield'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)(A-1)(4), 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B), and 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Louise E. Wakefield ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties reached this Agreement following an informal conference held on December 6, 2000 on the basis of a complaint filed by Rebecca Martin by letters dated May 17, 2000 and July 18, 2000.

FACTS

1. Louise E. Wakefield has been a registered nurse licensed by the Board to practice in Maine since 1991.
2. This Consent Agreement is on the basis of an incident that occurred on February 18, 2000 at Maine Medical Center.
3. Louise E. Wakefield was employed at Maine Medical Center on February 18, 2000.
4. Louise E. Wakefield failed to assess the total needs of a patient and failed to assess and document the level of the patient's pain before and after the administration of pain medication.
5. Louise E. Wakefield failed to document if there was a recorded change in the "dip stick" values to determine the same patient's status of urine abnormalities.
6. Louise E. Wakefield denies the allegation of the complaint, specifically, Ms. Wakefield maintains that she performed an appropriate, focused assessment of the patient in accordance with the standards of care that govern the practice of emergency nursing. Ms. Wakefield agrees, however, to enter into this Consent Agreement to resolve the disputed complaint against her professional nursing license.



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AGREEMENT

7. Louise E. Wakefield's agrees and understands that the conduct alleged constitutes grounds for discipline under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(E)(2), § 2105-A(2)(F), (2)(H) and Chapter 4(3)(F) of the Nursing Board Rules.
8. Louise E. Wakefield's license to practice registered professional nursing is placed on a probationary status with conditions for a period of two years of nursing employment. The conditions of probation are as follows:
 - a. Louise E. Wakefield will take part in continuing education in the areas of legal issues and implications of nursing practice and professional responsibility, comprehensive patient health assessment and therapeutic communications with patients and families. Ms. Wakefield agrees as follows:
 - 1.) Ms. Wakefield would satisfy the requirement that she receive continuing education on "the legal issues and implications of nursing practice and professional responsibility" by completing a self-study course based on the book entitled "Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing," by Ginny Wacker Guido (3rd ed. 2001).
 - 2.) Ms. Wakefield would satisfy the requirement that she receive continuing education on "comprehensive patient assessment" by attending a one-day seminar, "Essential Physical Assessment Skills" sponsored by the PESI HealthCare.
 - 3.) Ms. Wakefield would satisfy the requirement for continuing education on "therapeutic and effective communications with patients and family."

The continuing education shall be completed during the two year probationary period.

- b. Louise E. Wakefield will notify any and all of her nursing employers of the terms of this Consent Agreement and shall provide them with a copy of it. For purposes of this Consent Agreement, nursing employment is any employment during which Ms. Wakefield performs nursing services or holds herself out as a nurse such as through the designation "R.N."
- c. Louise E. Wakefield will immediately notify the Board in writing of any employment in the field of nursing, including the place and position of employment and of any change in nursing employment.

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- d. Louise E. Wakefield will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports addressing her job performance from her nursing employer(s).
- e. Louise E. Wakefield understands and agrees that her license will remain on probationary status and subject to the terms of this Agreement until and unless the Board, at Ms. Wakefield's request, votes to terminate Ms. Wakefield's probation.

If, at the conclusion of the two year period of probation, Ms. Wakefield demonstrates that she has complied with the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement, the Board will vote to terminate the period of probation. If the Board concludes that the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement have not been fulfilled, The Board may continue the probationary period or take disciplinary action as authorized by law.

- 9. The Board agrees to take no further disciplinary action upon these facts so long as Ms. Wakefield fully complies with the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement.
- 10. Louise E. Wakefield understands and agrees that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice professional nursing in the State of Maine. Ms. Wakefield 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.
- 11. Louise E. Wakefield affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
- 12. Modification of this Consent Agreement must in writing and signed by all the parties.
- 13. This Consent Agreement is not subject to appeal or review by the Licensee but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.

14. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, LOUISE E. WAKEFIELD, R.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: 5/24/01

Louise E. Wakefield RN
LOUISE E. WAKEFIELD, R.N.

FOR THE MAINE STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: May 25, 2001

Myra Broadway
MYRA A. BROADWAY, J.D., M.S., R.N.
Executive Director

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: May 29, 2001

John H. Richards
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