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IN RE: NANCY R. WASHINGTON, RN)	
of Presque Isle, ME)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
License No. RN33241)	FOR INACTIVE LICENSE
)	
Complaint No. 2012-245)	

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement ("Agreement") regarding Nancy R. Washington's license as a registered professional nurse ("RN") in the State of Maine. The parties to this Agreement are Nancy R. Washington ("Licensee" or "Ms. Washington"), the Maine State Board of Nursing ("the Board"), and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S. §8003 (5) (B) in order to resolve Board Complaint 2012-245.

FACTS

1. Nancy R. Washington was first licensed to practice in Maine as an RN on December 20, 1989.
2. At all times relevant to this matter, Ms. Washington was employed as an RN by Care & Comfort, an agency which provides professional home health services to its clients.
3. On November 13, 2012, the Board received a complaint from a client of Care & Comfort notifying the Board that Ms. Washington, who was substituting for the client's 'regular' nurse, made several medication errors while preparing the client's pill box, resulting in the client taking double doses of her medication as well as medication which belonged to the client's husband. The client did receive follow-up care from her primary care physician which documented lab results returning to normal levels. The Board docketed the complaint as Complaint 2012-245 and sent it to Nancy R. Washington for response.
4. On January 10, 2013, the Board received a written response from Ms. Washington in which she admitted she was not paying as close attention as she should have when filling the complainant's medication containers. Ms. Washington also stated that on October 12, 2012, Care & Comfort placed her on suspension because of these errors and limited her home health visits. As of December 18, 2012, Nancy R. Washington is no longer employed by Care & Comfort and is not seeking employment as a nurse.
5. Nancy R. Washington wishes to place her RN license on Inactive status.

AGREEMENT

6. Nancy R. Washington agrees to place her Maine RN license on **INACTIVE** status, effective upon the date of the final execution of this Agreement. Ms. Washington understands and agrees that should she wish to reactivate her nursing license, she will need to submit a written request to meet with the Board to resolve Complaint 2012-245 regarding the issue at Care & Comfort.
7. The State of Maine is a "Party state" that has adopted the Nurse Licensure Compact ("the Compact"), which is set out in Chapter 11 of the Rules of the Maine State Board of Nursing. The State of Maine is Ms. Washington's "Home state" of licensure and primary state of residence, which means that she has declared the State of Maine as her fixed permanent and principal home for legal purposes; her domicile.



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Other Party states in the Compact are referred to as "Remote states," which means Party states other than the Home state that have adopted the Compact. Ms. Washington understands this Agreement is subject to the Compact.

8. Nancy R. Washington shall not work or volunteer in any capacity for a health care provider as defined by Title 24 M.R.S. §2502(2) or in any position holding herself out as a registered professional nurse or with the designation "RN" while her license is on Inactive status.
9. This Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S. §402 and will be available for inspection and copying by the public pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §408.
10. This Agreement constitutes a final adverse licensing action that is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) pursuant to Section 1128E of the Social Security Act and 45 C.F.R. Part 61.
11. Nancy R. Washington understands that she does not have to execute this Agreement and has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into the Agreement.
12. Nancy R. Washington affirms that she executes this Agreement of her own free will.
13. Modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
14. This Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by Nancy R. Washington.
15. This Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, NANCY R. WASHINGTON, RN, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON MY NURSING LICENSE. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, KNOWINGLY, AND INTELLIGENTLY AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND.

Dated: 04/18/13

Nancy R. Washington, RN
NANCY R. WASHINGTON, RN

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Dated: 4/22/13

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