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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE NO. )  
R027784 ISSUED TO: )

VICTORIA CHOATE )

To practice professional nursing )  
in the State of Maine )

**ORDER TERMINATING  
PROBATION**

WHEREAS, on **October 24, 1996**, License No. R027784 issued to Victoria Choate was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on **April 8, 1999**, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Victoria Choate's compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Victoria Choate has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation executed on **November 18, 1996** is hereby terminated.

DATED this 12th day of April 1999.

**MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

BY: *Myra A. Broadway*  
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In re: )  
**Victoria Choate** )  
 of Brunswick, Maine )  
 License #R027784 )

**CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR  
 REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE**

**INTRODUCTION**

This document is a consent agreement regarding Victoria Choate's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Maine, entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A)(B) and 10 M.R.S.A. Section 8003(5)(B). The parties to this consent agreement are Victoria Choate, the Maine State Board of Nursing ("the Board") and the Department of the Attorney General, State of Maine. This document modifies the consent agreement entered into by and between these same parties in 1988 pursuant in which Ms. Choate voluntarily surrendered her license for violations arising from her substance abuse.

By letter dated May 17, 1996, Ms. Choate requested an opportunity to address the Board regarding possible reinstatement of her license. On October 24, 1996, Ms. Choate met with the Board. As a result of that meeting, the parties agreed to enter into this consent agreement providing for the reinstatement on probation with conditions of Ms. Choate's license.

**REINSTATEMENT WITH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION**

Ms. Choate's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Maine is reinstated on a probationary status. The period of probation will continue a minimum of two years from the date that Ms. Choate resumes employment in the field of nursing in Maine. Ms. Choate's probationary license is subject to the following conditions:

1. **Substance Free:** Ms. Choate will abstain completely from the use of alcohol or drugs, with the exception of substances used in accordance with a valid prescription from a physician who is aware of Ms. Choate's substance abuse history.
2. **Notice to Employer:** Ms. Choate 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. Choate performs nursing services or holds herself out as a nurse, such as through the designation "R.N."

3. **Employer Quarterly Reports:** Ms. Choate will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports addressing her job performance from her nursing employer(s).
- 2/6/97 4. **Notice of Employment Status:** Ms. Choate 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.
5. **Automatic Suspension:** Ms. Choate agrees and understands that if any member of the Board or the Board's Executive Director receives reasonably reliable information suggesting that Ms. Choate has not remained substance free in accordance with this consent agreement, Ms. Choate's license will be immediately and automatically suspended pending further review by the Board. In the event such information is received by any member of the Board or its Executive Director, the information will be forwarded to Ms. Choate for response. Ms. Choate agrees and understands that her license will remain suspended unless and until the Board is satisfied that Ms. Choate's license may be reinstated consistent with the public health and welfare in the area of nursing services.
6. **Miscellaneous Provisions:** This consent agreement modifies and replaces the 1988 consent agreement entered into by and between Ms. Choate, the Board and the Department of the Attorney General. Ms. Choate understands that this document is a consent agreement which affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. This consent agreement may be amended only in writing, signed by all the parties. Ms. Choate understands that she does not have to execute this consent agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering this consent agreement. Ms. Choate affirms that she executes this consent agreement of her own free will.

DATED: 11/9/96

Victoria Choate  
VICTORIA CHOATE, R.N.

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

DATED: 11/15/96

Jean C. Caron  
JEAN C. CARON, M.S., R.N.  
Executive Director

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL:**

DATED: 11/18/96

Susan A. Sparaco  
SUSAN A. SPARACO, Asst. Attorney General  
Board Counsel