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JoAnn Nicole Loeffelholz, L.P.N.  
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DUPLICATE COPY  
VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

DATE 12/18/17

RE: License Number: 0002-092591  
Case Number: 183601

Dear Ms. Loeffelholz:

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, you are hereby given notice that your license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been mandatorily suspended by the enclosed Order entered December 15, 2017. You are hereby advised that you may not practice practical nursing or hold yourself out as a licensed practical nurse unless and until the Board of Nursing has notified you in writing that your license has been reinstated. Please return your license to Jay Douglas, Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), at the above address, immediately upon receipt of this letter.

You may apply to the Board for reinstatement of your license, and you shall be entitled to a formal administrative hearing not later than the next regular meeting of the Board after the expiration of 60 days from the Board's receipt of your reinstatement application. The reinstatement of your license shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board present at the hearing. The reinstatement application can be found at [www.dhp.virginia.gov/Nursing](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Nursing).

If you have any questions about this matter, you can contact me at (804) 367-4474 or [anne.joseph@dhp.virginia.gov](mailto:anne.joseph@dhp.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,

[Signature: Anne Joseph]

Anne Joseph, Deputy Director  
Administrative Proceedings Division

cc: Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing  
Enclosures

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**IN RE: JOANN NICOLE LOEFFELHOLZ, L.P.N.**  
**License Number: 0002-092591**  
**Case Number: 183601**

**ORDER OF MANDATORY SUSPENSION**


In accordance with Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, received and acted upon evidence that the Iowa Board of Nursing suspended the license of JoAnn Nicole Loeffelholz, L.P.N., to practice practical nursing in the State of Iowa. A certified copy of the Order of the Iowa Board of Nursing is attached hereto as Commonwealth's Exhibit 1.

WHEREUPON, by the authority vested in the Director of the Department of Health Professions pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of JoAnn Nicole Loeffelholz, L.P.N., to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of JoAnn Nicole Loeffelholz, L.P.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current and valid. Should Ms. Loeffelholz seek reinstatement of her license pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Loeffelholz's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-4023 and § 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.


  
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David E. Brown, D.C., Director  
Virginia Department of Health Professions

ENTERED:

12/15/17

**CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS**

I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Order dated September 6, 2017, regarding JoAnn Nicole Loeffelholz, L.P.N., is a true copy of the records received from the Iowa Board of Nursing.

  
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David E. Brown, D.C.

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Date

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING  
OF THE STATE OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO. 14-262  
DIA NO. 18NB0008

JOANN NICOLE LOEFFELHOLZ  
11102 Great Meadows Ct  
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

FINDINGS OF FACT,  
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW,  
DECISION AND ORDER

Certificate and License No. P51996

Respondent

On February 27, 2017, the Iowa Board of Nursing (Board) issued a Notice of Intent to Suspend License notifying Joann Loeffelholz (Respondent) that her license would be suspended due to her failure to comply with the requirements of a Stipulation and Order issued on June 11, 2015. Respondent submitted a request for hearing and a Notice of Hearing was issued on May 1, 2017.

On July 20, 2017, the hearing was held before the following members of the Board: Gwen Suntken, MS, RN, Chairperson; Kathy Dolter, R.N., PhD; Nancy Kramer, EdD, ARNP; Mark G. Odden, BSN, MBA, CRNA, ARNP; and BJ Hoffman and Patrick Mooney, consumers. Assistant Attorney General Sara Scott appeared for the state. Respondent Joann Loeffelholz appeared via telephone. The hearing was closed to the public at the Respondent's request pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.6(1). Administrative Law Judge Emily Kimes-Schwiesow assisted the Board in conducting the hearing and was directed to prepare the Board's decision in accordance with their deliberations.

THE RECORD

The record includes the testimony of Respondent Joann Loeffelholz and Kathleen Beebout and State Exhibits 1-8.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent was issued Iowa license number P519996 on June 3, 2009. Her license is currently inactive. Respondent is a resident of Virginia and has an active Virginia nursing license. (State Exhibit 8; Beebout testimony)
2. On June 11, 2015, the Board approved a Stipulation and Order in which Respondent agreed to contact her assigned case manager within 10 days, complete 30 contact hours of education applicable to professional ethics, and pay a fine of \$1,000 within one year. If Respondent failed to meet these terms, the Board would issue a Notice of Intent to suspend her nursing license. The Stipulation and Order resolved a Statement of Charges the Board had filed against Respondent on March 18, 2015 regarding her misrepresentation of her credentials. After the Stipulation and Order was approved by the Board, Respondent was served with a copy via certified mail on June 18, 2015. (State Exhibits 3, 4; Beebout testimony)
3. The Respondent did not contact her case manager, submit verification of the required continuing education hours, nor did she pay the fine. On March 6, 2017, Respondent was served via certified mail with a Notice of Intent to Suspend License. She requested a hearing. (State Exhibits 5-7).
4. Respondent does not dispute that she voluntarily entered into the June 11, 2015 Stipulation and Order and understood its requirements. Respondent moved to Virginia in June 2015 shortly after the Stipulation and Order was approved. She obtained licensure in Virginia, and her Iowa license became inactive. Respondent assumed that once her Iowa license became inactive, she no longer needed to comply with the terms of the Stipulation in Order. She acknowledged at hearing that the Stipulation and Order does not indicate that an inactive license would change the requirements. Respondent confirmed that as of the date of hearing she had not contacted her case manager, submitted verification of the required continuing education hours, or paid the fine. She reports she is willing to complete the requirements, but cannot afford to pay off the fine until October 2017. Respondent is employed with a health insurance company providing training related to nursing. (Respondent testimony)

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Iowa Code section 147.55(3) authorizes the Board to impose license discipline when a licensee knowingly makes misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of a profession. 655 IAC 4.6(3)"a," which was in effect at the time that Respondent entered into the Stipulation and Order, provided that knowingly making misleading, deceptive, untrue or fraudulent representations in the practice of a profession, may include, but need not be limited to, oral or written misrepresentations relating to degrees, credentials, license status, records, and applications.

Respondent voluntarily entered into a Stipulation and Order, approved on June 11, 2015, to resolve pending disciplinary action in this case. There is no dispute that the Respondent failed to comply with the terms of the Stipulation and Order. Pursuant to paragraph five of that document, the Board issued a Notice of Intent to Suspend License on February 27, 2017. Respondent now contends she wants to comply with the Stipulation and Order, but cannot afford to do so until October 2017. In light of Respondent's testimony, the Board determined the license suspension should be stayed an additional ninety (90) days to allow for her compliance.

### DECISION AND ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that license number P51996, issued to Respondent Joann Loeffelholz, is hereby SUSPENDED pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation and Order approved on June 11, 2015. However, the suspension is STAYED for ninety (90) days to allow Respondent to submit all of the following:

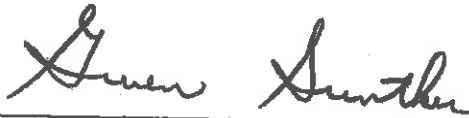
- completion certificates for 30 contact hours of continuing education applicable to professional ethics from a Board approved provider; and
- full payment of a fine in the amount of \$1,000.

If Respondent fails to submit all of the listed required items, the suspension will go into effect at the conclusion of ninety (90) days, and remain in place until she is compliant under the terms of the June 11, 2015 Stipulation and Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.6(6) and 655 IAC chapter 13, that Respondent shall pay a disciplinary hearing fee of \$75.00. In addition, Respondent shall pay any costs certified by the executive director and reimbursable pursuant to sub rule 13.1(2). The executive director's assessment of fees and costs, if any, is attached to this decision. All fees and costs shall be paid in the form of a check or money order payable to the state of Iowa and delivered to the Board of Nursing, within thirty days of the issuance of this final decision.

In accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code section 17A.16 a party may file an application for rehearing within twenty (20) days after the issuance of this decision. In accordance with Iowa Code section 17A.19(3) any petition for judicial review must be filed within thirty (30) days after an application for rehearing has been denied or deemed denied. If a party does not file an application for rehearing any petition for judicial review must be filed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this decision.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.



Gwen Suntken, R.N., M.S.  
Chairperson, Iowa Board of Nursing

cc: Sara Scott, Assistant Attorney General

**IOWA BOARD OF NURSING**

This is to certify that this is a true and correct copy of records on file in this office pertaining

to Joann Loeffelholz  
Macey Westby, Enforcement