

## BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: MYRA JO EASTER, R.N.  
License Number: 0001-159451  
Case Number: 179934

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**CONSENT ORDER**

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**JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Myra Jo Easter, R.N., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to a formal administrative proceeding, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Easter's license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Myra Jo Easter, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-159451 to practice professional nursing on June 25, 1998, which is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2018. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By Order entered October 5, 2016, the Board suspended Ms. Easter's license and stayed the suspension contingent on her entry into and compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP").
3. Ms. Easter entered the HPMP on September 26, 2016.
4. By Decision and Order entered April 3, 2017, the California Board of Registered Nursing accepted the surrender by Myra Jo Easter, R.N., of her license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of California. This action was based on the action taken by the Virginia Board of Nursing on October 5, 2016. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, on May 16, 2017, the Virginia Department of Health Professions suspended Ms. Easter's professional nursing license based on the action of the California Board.

5. As of April 13, 2017, Ms. Easter is considered to be in partial compliance with her Recovery Monitoring Contract with the HPMP.

6. The matter of the reinstatement of Ms. Easter's license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is properly before the Board.

### CONSENT

Myra Jo Easter, R.N., by affixing her signature to this Consent Order, agrees to the following:

1. I have been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me or my license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*;
3. I acknowledge that I have the following rights, among others: the right to a formal administrative hearing before the Board; the right to representation by counsel; and the right to cross-examine witnesses against me;
4. I waive my right to a formal hearing;
5. I admit to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waive my right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any sanction imposed hereunder in any future judicial or administrative proceeding in which the Board is a party;
6. I consent to the entry of the following Order affecting my licensure to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The license of Myra Jo Easter, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is reinstated.

2. The license of Myra Jo Easter, R.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
3. The license will be recorded as suspended.
4. The suspension is STAYED and shall remain stayed contingent upon Ms. Easter's continued compliance with all terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP.
5. Upon receipt of evidence of Ms. Easter's participation in and successful completion of the terms specified by the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Easter's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter, at which time she may be issued an unrestricted license.
6. This Order is applicable to Ms. Easter's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Easter shall not work outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where she seeks to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.
7. Myra Jo Easter, R.N., shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
8. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the stay of suspension shall result in the immediate rescission of the stay of suspension of the license of Myra Jo Easter, R.N., and the license shall be recorded as suspended. After any rescission of the stay of suspension, Ms. Easter may, within 33 days of the effective date of the rescission, request a formal administrative hearing before the Board.

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 and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

Joyce A. Hahn, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP  
President  
Virginia Board of Nursing

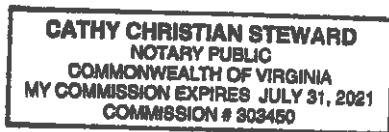
ENTERED: May 16, 2017

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Myra Jo Easter R.N.  
Myra Jo Easter, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY/CITY OF Prince Edward Co., TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.



Cathy Christian Steward  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

7-31-2021

Registration No.:

303450

Certified True Copy

By drabam  
Virginia Board Of Nursing

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

IN RE: MYRA JO EASTER, R.N.  
License Number: 0001-159451  
Case Number: 179934

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 California Board of Registered Nursing accepted the surrender by Myra Jo Easter, R.N., of her license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of California. A certified copy of the Decision and Order 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 Myra Jo Easter, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Myra Jo Easter, R.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current and valid. Should Myra Jo Easter, R.N., 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. Easter's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional 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

Certified True Copy  
By   
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Virginia Board Of Nursing

ENTERED:  
5/16/17

**CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS**

I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Decision and Order entered April 3, 2017, regarding Myra Jo Easter, R.N., is a true copy of the records received from the California Board of Registered Nursing.

  
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David E. Brown, D.C.

Date: 5/16/17

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the documents on file in our office.

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

*Joseph L. Morris*

Joseph L. Morris, PhD, MSN, RN  
Executive Officer



BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Stipulated Surrender  
Pursuant to Business and Professions  
Code section 2751 of:

MYRA JO EASTER

Registered Nurse License No. 654950

Respondent.

Case No. 2017-733

**DECISION AND ORDER**

Pursuant to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, section 1403, the attached Stipulated Settlement is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing as its Decision and Order in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on April 03, 2017

IT IS SO ORDERED this 3rd day of April, 2017

*Joseph Morris*  
for Joseph Morris, PhD, MSN, RN  
Executive Officer  
Board of Registered Nursing  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California

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10 **BEFORE THE**  
**BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Stipulated Surrender  
Pursuant to Business and Professions Code  
13 section 2751 of:

14 **MYRA JO EASTER**  
92 John Randolph Rd.  
15 Farmville, VA 23901

16 Registered Nurse License No. 654950

17 Respondent.

Case No.

**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF  
LICENSE AND ORDER PURSUANT TO  
BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE  
SECTION 2751**

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19 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-  
20 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

21 **PARTIES**

22 1. Joseph L. Morris, PhD, MSN, RN (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the  
23 Board of Registered Nursing (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is  
24 represented in this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Alan  
25 Macina, Deputy Attorney General.

26 2. Myra Jo Easter (Respondent) is representing herself in this proceeding and has chosen  
27 not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.

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1 of Respondent's entry into a contract with the Virginia Health Practitioner Monitoring Program  
2 (HPMP<sup>1</sup>). The Order became final on November 7, 2016.

3 9. Respondent admits that she is physically and/or mentally unable to safely perform the  
4 duties of and function as a registered nurse.

5 10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Board to issue  
6 an order accepting the surrender of her Registered Nurse License without further process.

7 CONTINGENCY

8 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands  
9 and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly  
10 with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by  
11 Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not  
12 withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers  
13 and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the  
14 Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect and, except for this  
15 paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not  
16 be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

17 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile  
18 copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including Portable Document Format  
19 (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

20 13. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is intended by the parties to be an  
21 integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.  
22 It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,  
23 negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order  
24 may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing  
25 executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

26 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that  
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28 <sup>1</sup> The HPMP provides confidential services for the health practitioner who may be impaired by any physical  
or mental disability, or who suffers from chemical dependency.

1 the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

2 ORDER

3 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 654950, issued to  
4 Respondent Myra Jo Easter, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Registered Nursing.

5 1. The surrender of Respondent's Registered Nurse License and the acceptance of the  
6 surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent.

7 This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's  
8 license history with the Board of Registered Nursing.

9 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a nurse in California as of the  
10 effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

11 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board her pocket license and, if one was  
12 issued, her wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

13 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in  
14 the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Any reinstatement  
15 proceeding shall be conducted pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2760.1.  
16 Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a  
17 surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations  
18 contained in this Stipulation shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent  
19 when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition. Upon seeking reinstatement, it  
20 is the responsibility of the former licensee to submit competent evidence of the ability to safely  
21 and competently practice as a registered nurse.

22 5. If and when Respondent's license is reinstated, she shall pay to the Board costs  
23 associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code  
24 section 125.3 in the amount of \$1,540.00. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a  
25 payment plan approved by the Board. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to prohibit the  
26 Board from reducing the amount of cost recovery upon reinstatement of the license.

27 6. Respondent may petition the Board for reinstatement after a period of not less than  
28 one (1) year from the effective date of the Board of Registered Nursing's Decision and Order.

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Nurse License. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Registered Nursing.

DATED: 3-20-17 Myrna Jo Easter  
MYRNA JO EASTER  
*Respondent*

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: March 21, 2017

Respectfully submitted,  
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