

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:**

**JESSICA R. NEEDHAM, L.P.N.  
LICENSE NO.: 0002-073482**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), Jessica R. Needham, L.P.N., who holds License No. 0002-073482 to practice practical nursing in Virginia, which expires on October 31, 2012, is hereby given notice that a formal administrative hearing will be held in the presence of a panel of the Board of Nursing. The hearing will be held on March 21, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia 23233, at which time Ms. Needham will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

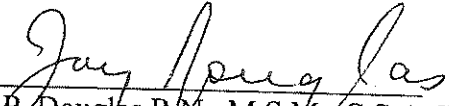
At the hearing, Ms. Needham has the following rights, among others: the right to representation by counsel; the right to have witnesses subpoenaed and to present witnesses on her behalf; the right to present documentary evidence; and the right to cross-examine adverse witnesses. If Ms. Needham desires any witnesses to appear on her behalf, she must notify the Director of Administrative Proceedings, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in accordance with the Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas.

The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into evidence that Ms. Needham may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

**STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS**

The Board alleges that Jessica R. Needham, L.P.N., may have violated § 54.1-3007(2) and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that on multiple occasions between August 11, 2010, and February 19, 2011, she fraudulently obtained clonazepam (Schedule IV), Endocet (acetaminophen/oxycodone – Schedule II), Lortab (hydrocodone – Schedule III), oxycodone (Schedule II) and Xanax (alprazolam – Schedule IV) for her personal and unauthorized use. She obtained these prescriptions by writing and/or presenting forged prescriptions at various pharmacies in her name that were purportedly written by her former treating physician.

FOR THE BOARD

  
Jay P. Douglas R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.  
Executive Director for the  
Board of Nursing

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