VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: CHRISTY GATLIN, L.P.N.

License No.: 0002-076901

<u>ORDER</u>

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on September 16, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Christy Gatlin, L.P.N., may have violated certain terms and conditions imposed her, as set forth in the Orders of the Board entered on March 9, 2012, and September 13, 2013. The case was presented by David W. Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Gatlin was not present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Christy Gatlin, L.P.N., holds License No. 0002-076901 to practice as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which was issued on October 5, 2007. Said license is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2016. Ms. Gatlin's primary state of residence is Virginia.
- 2. Based upon the representations of Mr. Kazzie and Commonwealth's Exhibits #1 and #2, the Notice of Formal Hearing and Affidavit of Mailing, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to the respondent and the hearing proceeded in her absence.
- 3. On May 5, 2011, the Board entered an Order placing Ms. Gatlin on probation after making findings that she made numerous medication errors and provided substandard nursing care to her patients.
 - 4. On March 9, 2012, the Board entered an Order reprimanding Ms. Gatlin and continuing her

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probation set forth in the May 2011 Order after making findings that she had violated the 2011 Order and had violated the standard of care in her nursing practice.

- 5. On September 13, 2013, the Board entered a Consent Order approving Ms. Gatlin's application for certification as a nurse aide.
- 6. Term No. 2(e) of the 2013 Order and Term No. 2(f) of the March 2012 Order required Ms. Gatlin to submit self-reports to the Board within 60 days of the entry of the Order and quarterly thereafter.
- 7. Ms. Gatlin failed to submit self-reports for the quarters ending in March 2013 and September 2013.
- 8. Ms. Gatlin failed to submit self-reports for the quarters ending in December 2013, September 2014, and December 2014.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that:

- 1. Finding of Fact No. 7 constitutes a violation of Term no. 2(f) of the 2012 Order.
- 2. Finding of Fact No. 8 constitutes a violation of Term No. 2(e) of the 2013 Order.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

- 1. Christy Gatlin, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. License No. 0002-076901 issued to Christy Gatlin, L.P.N., to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
- 3. The license of Ms. Gatlin will be recorded as SUSPENDED and no longer current. Should Ms. Gatlin seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.
 - 4. At such time as Ms. Gatlin shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, a hearing

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will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of practical nursing.

5. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Gatlin's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice practical nursing.

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

FOR THE BOARD

Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Nursing

Uctober 13, 2015 ENTERED

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

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