VIRGINIA:

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

CHASITY N. PUCKETT, L.P.N.

License No.: 0002-078859

#### **CONSENT ORDER**

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Chasity N. Puckett, L.P.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Puckett's license to practice practical nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Chasity N. Puckett, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-078859 to practice practical nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on August 18, 2008. Said license is set to expire August 31, 2014. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
- 2. During the course of her employment as a practical nurse with NHC Healthcare of Bristol, Bristol, Virginia, Ms. Puckett exhibited poor nursing practice on September 24, 2013, when she was working with another nurse to distribute medications to residents. The other nurse removed medications from the medication cart, checked the medications against the patients' medical record, then handed them to Ms. Puckett. Ms. Puckett administered the medications without double checking the medication or the residents' charts. Further, she failed to indicate whether Lortab (hydrocodone bitartrate/APAP, Schedule III) was administered to five residents on their Medication and Treatment Administration Record.
  - 3. As a result of this incident, Ms. Puckett's employment was terminated.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Board finds that Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").

### **CONSENT**

Chasity N. Puckett, L.P.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

- 1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
- 2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) et seq. of the Code;
- 3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
  - She waives all such right to an informal conference;
- 5. She neither admits nor denies the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein but waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
- 6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice practical nursing in Virginia.

### <u>ORDER</u>

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

- 1. Chasity N. Puckett, L.P.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Ms. Puckett shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the National Council of State Boards of Nursing ("NCSBN") courses "Medication Errors: Detection & Prevention" within 60 days of the entry of this Order.
- 3. Ms. Puckett shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 et seq. of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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4. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of Ms. Puckett, and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD:

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

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ENTERED: March 18, 2014

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Chasity N. Puckett, I.P.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Brish!, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Brenda O. Dunn, a Notary Public, this 744 day of

My commission expires \$\frac{31}{11}\$!

Registration Number \[ \frac{80}{80} \]

Subscribed True Copy

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