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CERTIFIED MAIL
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Arlene Bailey
232 Murial Drive
Morgan City, LA 70380

License # 200783

Dear Ms. Bailey:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners has received a report regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. The report is concerning an incident that occurred while you were employed at Ochsner of New Orleans. On April 15, 2014, you were sent for a post-accident urine drug screen. The drug screen results were received on April 23, 2014 indicating a positive drug screen for Benzodiazepine and Cocaine. You provided a prescription for Xanax; however, your screen was positive for Cocaine. On May 12, 2014, your employment was terminated with Ochsner as a result of the positive drug screen.

Louisiana Revised Statutes, 49:961 (C), in pertinent part, provides: "If the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to the effect in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action." LSA-R.S. 49:961(C).

The board has determined that the allegations against you are sufficiently serious to **summarily suspend your LPN license**, in accordance with the above cited authority, and hereby, issues the following Order:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that based on the information and/or record(s) obtained by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, and a finding "that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action", in accordance with LSA-R.S. 49:961(C), the LPN license of the above named respondent, **Arlene Bailey,** is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.

M. Lynn Ansardi, RN

Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners
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You must *immediately* cease and desist the practice of practical nursing and return your current practical nursing license to the board office.

The board will schedule your case for the next available formal hearing and will notify you by mail of the date and time. Moreover, the board will continue its investigation of the allegations against you, about which you will be notified by formal complaint, to determine if you are in violation of the following:

3. being unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit or other causes;
4. being habitually intemperate or addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs;
8. being guilty of unprofessional conduct;
- **g. improper use of drugs, medical supplies, or patients' records;**
- **j. intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;**
- **q. using or being under the influence of alcohol, while on duty, and/or while making application for employment, or using or being under the influence of drugs which impair judgment while on duty, or using or being under the influence of illegal drugs whether on or off duty;**
- **t. violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.**

Louisiana Revised Statute, Title 37, Chapter 11. Nurses, Part II. Practical Nurses, Section 969, et. seq.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS

M. Lynn Ansardi, RN

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Executive Director

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