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Amanda Walsworth
293 Cecil Road
Quitman, LA 71268

License # 280442

Dear Ms. Walsworth:

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 at Jackson Parish Hospital. It alleges that on March 31, 2015, you clocked in on time for your scheduled shift, but did not go to report. You sat at the station and appeared to be asleep. You were observed by nursing staff and other employees to be drowsy and dozing off. You were sent for a drug screen and the results were positive for methamphetamine and a-OH-alprazolam. You were told to report off on your patients and clock out. You left the facility, but did not report off on your patients. You were later asked to return to the facility to discuss your continued pattern of tardiness and your disheveled and unprofessional appearance. You did not agree and were terminated.

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, **Amanda Walsworth**, is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.

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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;
 - a. failure to practice practical nursing in accordance with the standards normally expected;
 - b. failure to utilize appropriate judgment in administering nursing practice;
 - 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;
 - l. leaving a nursing assignment without properly notifying appropriate personnel;
 - p. inappropriate, incomplete or improper documentation;
 - 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;
 - r. possess a physical or psychological impairment which interferes with the judgment, skills or abilities required for the practice of practical nursing;
 - 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.

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