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September 14, 2015

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Kay Racine
1250 Dorchester Drive, Apt. 111
Alexandria, LA 71303

License # 230188

Dear Ms. Racine:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners has received additional information regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. The report is concerning an incident that occurred at HealthSouth of Alexandria. It alleges that on or about June 10, 2015, you were witnessed by several co-workers to be impaired. Specifically, you were witnessed with unsteady gait, drowsiness and slurred speech. You had difficulty staying awake and indicated to the DON that you had a brain tumor and didn't have long to live. You also reported to the DON that you had taken a Norco before your shift for back pain because your kidneys were shutting down. You submitted to a reasonable cause drug screen. On June 24, 2015, you met with the H.R. Director and CNO regarding your drug screen. It was noted that you were surprised that the result was negative. You stated that you had very little recollection of what happened on June 10, 2015; but, in your statement to the board you were able to recall your blood pressure and pulse. Review of the Pyxis dispense report revealed that you pulled a hydrocodone tablet on 6/9/15 at 5:00 p.m. but failed to document on the patient's MAR that you administered the medication. The board also received information that you were employed with Cabrini and terminated, but failed to indicate your employment with Cabrini on your employment application with HealthSouth. You also failed to report this employment in your statement to the board.

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:

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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, **Kay Racine**, 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
M. Lynn Ansardi, RN, Executive Director

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;**
 - c. **failure to exercise technical competence in carrying out nursing care;**
 - g. **improper use of drugs, medical supplies, or patients' records;**
 - h. **misappropriating personal items of an individual or the agency;**
 - i. **falsifying 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;**
 - o. **being guilty of moral turpitude;**
 - 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;**

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- 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.

Furthermore, you should immediately submit to our office a detailed narrative response to the allegation and you must include the name and contact information for each and every employer you have had for the past five years.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS**

M. Lynn Ansardi R.N.

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Executive Director

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