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Amy Lynn Elkin
111 Eula Drive
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RE: LICENSE SUSPENSION

Dear Ms. Elkin:

On 10/24/2016 your drug screen was positive.

Therefore, your license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the state of Louisiana is hereby immediately suspended for violating your Board order/consent order.
The board received information from Affinity eHealth that you tested positive for benzodiazepines, clonazepam, temazepam, and tramadol on a random drug screen on 10/24/16. Your practical nursing license is hereby suspended for four (4) years for violating your board order.

You may no longer practice practical nursing in Louisiana as of the date of this letter. You are to immediately return your current practical nursing license to the Board office. Failure to return your license and continuing to work while your license is suspended will be reported to the appropriate agencies.

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE) requires that throughout your suspension you show sobriety, and you are required to continue to submit to and pay for random drug screens through your drug monitoring company. This means that you must continue to call the drug monitoring company and submit to drug screens when the drug monitoring company requires you to do so, if applicable.

Reinstatement is not automatic. Once you have completed your suspension period, you may submit a narrative to the Board requesting reinstatement of your license. The Board will review your disciplinary file and inform you if you are eligible for reinstatement. Please be advised that a reinstatement fee of $150.00 will be assessed.

As stated in your Board order/consent order, the following violations apply if you do not comply with the mandated stipulations:

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VIOLATIONS

Failure to comply with any and/or all sections of this order may result in any and/or all of the following:

A) immediate suspension of license, B) indefinite suspension of license, C) ineligibility for annual renewal of license, D) additional fines/penalties up to $500.00 per occurrence, E) increased probationary period, F) summary suspension, and/or G) revocation.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY SECTION OF THIS ORDER RELATED TO DRUG SCREENS, TREATMENT PLANS, AND/OR REGARDING ABUSE POTENTIAL PRESCRIPTION DRUGS MAY RESULT IN A FOUR YEAR PERIOD OF SUSPENSION WITHOUT A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD. During the period of suspension, if related to substance abuse, appropriate consistent treatment must be obtained, and the respondent must show evidence of two consecutive years of being drug/alcohol free prior to the respondent's initiation of a reinstatement request.
If during your 2 consecutive years of sobriety you relapse, your 2 consecutive years of sobriety will re-start on the date of relapse occurrence as long as treatment is being obtained.

Also, please refer to the section of your Board order/consent order. You will have to pay the $500.00 fine for violating the Nurse Practice Act, if applicable.

Please refer any questions you may have to Kerri Palmer Compliance Department @ (504) 838-5791.

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