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April 6, 2018

**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Marilyn Ramirez
2004 North Street
Elton, LA 70532

License # 20152592

Dear Ms. Ramirez:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners has received a report regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. It is alleged that on January 19, 2018, while employed as a licensed practical nurse with Oaklane Wellness & Rehabilitation Center you diverted narcotic medication. A patient retained a pill you administered informing the patient it was his prescribed pain medication, Percocet. The pill retained by the patient was determined to be Tylenol. You were requested to submit to a urine drug screen for cause, the results were positive for cocaine. You were terminated from the facility.

You falsified your application by endorsement and your 2018 practical nursing license renewal application by failing to report disciplinary action against your vocational license with Texas Board of Nursing.

While employed as a licensed practical nurse with Allen Parish Hospital it is alleged that you were counseled following a complaint that you allowed a patient to remain in a soiled diaper for a lengthy period of time. You were terminated for repeated occurrences of improper use of the time clock.

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, **Marilyn Ramirez**, 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:

1. **being guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice practical nursing;**
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;**
 - 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;**

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- 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.

Furthermore, you should immediately submit to our office a detailed narrative response to the allegation.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS**

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Executive Director

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