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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Wendy Culp
PO BOX 263
Clarks, LA 71415

License # 240968

Dear Ms. Culp:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners has received a report regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. The report alleges that on or about August 22, 2018, while employed at Caldwell Memorial Hospital, you arrived an hour late and it was observed that your pupils were dilated at that time and you seemed scattered. It was later observed that throughout the day you would go missing from the floor and you could not be located. A patient reported that he/she received an incorrect medication which prompted cause for a drug screen to be performed. After submitting your sample for the drug screen and prior to receiving results you texted Administration (DON) and stated "I smoked meth yesterday and will not pass the drug screen". The drug screen indicated positive results for amphetamines. Your employment was 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, **Wendy Culp**, 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;
 - 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;
 - 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;
 - 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

M. Lynn Ansardi, R.N.

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Executive Director
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