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BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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 : Administrative Action
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 GEORGE HARTLEIN :
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 : CONSENT ORDER
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 LICENSED TO PRACTICE RESPIRATORY :
 CARE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care upon the review of information submitted which alleged that George Hartlein had engaged in inappropriate behavior with a patient at the time of provision of respiratory care services. The allegations, if true, provide grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(i), for incapacity to discharge the duties of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare. The Board also received information indicating that George Hartlein had incurred serious injuries in an automobile accident and was unable to practice respiratory care during a recuperation period of more than one year beginning in November of 1998, and does not desire to continue in the practice of Respiratory Care at the time of this Order.

The Board has considered the aforesaid information, and both parties are desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity

of further formal proceedings. Respondent, without admitting any of the allegations and having waived any right to a hearing before the Board of Respiratory Care in this matter; and the Board finding that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health and that good cause exists for its entry:

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 4 DAY OF April, 2000,

ORDERED:

1. That the license of George Hartlein to practice respiratory care in the State of New Jersey is hereby voluntarily surrendered without prejudice.

2. George Hartlein shall immediately forward his license to the State Board of Respiratory Care located at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

3. George Hartlein shall cease, desist and refrain from the practice of respiratory care in the State of New Jersey.

4. George Hartlein agrees that prior to consideration by the Board of any application for reinstatement of his license, he shall undergo a complete psychiatric evaluation at his expense with a psychiatrist approved by the Board. The evaluation shall consider whether Mr. Hartlein is able to engage in the practice of Respiratory Care consistent with the health, safety and welfare of the public, and Mr. Hartlein shall execute documents sufficient to waive confidentiality so that the evaluation shall be provided to the Board for its review and utilization in any proceedings regarding Mr. Hartlein's license. An appearance by Mr. Hartlein before the Board may also be required in connection with any

application for reinstatement of license.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

By: James Brophy 4/4/2000
James Brophy, RRT, President

I have read the above Order
and I understand and agree
to abide by its terms. Consent
to is entry is hereby given.

George Hartlein
Mr. George Hartlein, Pro Se