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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE
SURRENDER OF THE LICENSE OF

COREEN NOGUERA
License # HI 0066400

TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

**ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT
OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE
DENTAL HYGIENE**

This matter was opened to the State Board of Dentistry upon the application of Coreen Noguera ("Ms. Noguera" or "respondent"), to reinstate her license to practice dental hygiene in this State. Ms. Noguera surrendered her license by order entered on July 1, 2009, following the Board's review of information that she had pled guilty in September 2008 to obtaining controlled dangerous substances by fraud and had voluntarily refrained from practice since December 2008. In support of her application, respondent provided a letter from the Professional Assistance Program (PAP) strongly endorsing her

application. The PAP attested to her continued recovery, noting that she has had undergone twice weekly urine screens since January 2009, all of which were negative for non-prescribed substances. The PAP also submitted letters from her treating psychiatrist and therapist. Ms. Noguera provided proof of continuing education and detailed her activities for the period when her license was surrendered.

The Board has considered the information and has determined that Ms. Noguera's return to practice as a registered dental hygienist at this time, with the restrictions contained in this order, is consistent with the public health, safety, and welfare.

THEREFORE, IT IS ON THIS 5th DAY OF *February* 2010,
ORDERED THAT:

1. The license of Coreen Noguera, R.D.H., to practice dental hygiene is reinstated subject to the terms of this order.
2. Pending further order of the Board, respondent shall continue her participation with the Professional Assistance Program and shall comply with the recommendations for treatment, including but not limited to face-to-face contact with representatives from that program, attendance at support groups, including NA or AA at a minimum of three times per week, urine monitoring not less than once a week, and continued therapy with her therapist and psychiatrist. If respondent discontinues participation with the Professional Assistance Program or fails to comply with the conditions imposed by the program or outlined in this consent order without obtaining approval of the Board and the Professional Assistance Program, she shall be deemed in violation of this Order.
3. Respondent shall abstain from the use of all psychoactive substances, unless prescribed by a treating physician for a documented medical condition with prior notification to the Executive Medical Director of the Professional Assistance Program of

the diagnosis and prescribed medications. In addition, respondent shall advise any and all treating physicians and/or dentists of her history of substance abuse.

4. The Professional Assistance Program shall submit quarterly reports, including urine results, to the Board regarding respondent's participation and compliance with all requirements of the PAP and this order. If respondent has a positive urine, misses an appointment without consent, or has a lapse or slip in her recovery, or if respondent terminates treatment with her therapist or psychiatrist or her participation with the PAP, the PAP shall immediately inform the Board. For purposes of this paragraph, "immediately" shall mean reporting the information orally within 24 hours and following up with a written report within 48 hours.

5. (a) Any failure by respondent to submit or provide a urine sample within twenty-four (24) hours of a request will be deemed to be equivalent to a confirmed positive urine test. In the event respondent is unable to appear for a scheduled urine test or provide a urine sample due to illness or other impossibility, consent to waive that day's test must be secured from the Professional Assistance Program. Respondent shall notify the Professional Assistance Program if she will be out of the State for any reason, so that the program may make a determination regarding alternate testing.

(b) Any urine test result showing creatinine levels below 20 mg/dL and a specific gravity below 1.003 shall create a rebuttable presumption of a confirmed positive urine test. Any such result shall be followed immediately by a confirming GC/MS test.

(c) Respondent shall familiarize herself with all foods, food additives or other products (such as poppy seeds) which may affect the validity of urine screens, be presumed to possess that knowledge, and shall refrain from the use of such substances.

Ingestion of such substances shall not be an acceptable reason for a positive urine screen and/or failure to comply with the urine monitoring program.

(d) The Professional Assistance Program may, after notifying the Board, modify the frequency of testing or method of testing during the monitoring period.

6. Respondent shall provide any and all releases to any and all parties who are participating in a monitoring, treatment, or other program as outlined in this order, as may be required in order that all reports, records, and other pertinent information may be provided to the Board in a timely manner. Respondent agrees that any information received by the Board regarding respondent's treatment or participation in a monitoring program may be used in connection with any proceedings pertaining to her license.

7. (a) Ms. Noguera shall notify the Board of the name and address of the licensee by whom she will be employed and shall provide a copy of this order and any further orders of the Board related to her to that licensee.

(b.) Ms. Noguera shall provide to the Board a signed statement by the licensee indicating that he or she is aware of the restrictions on Ms. Noguera and that he or she agrees to report any use or suspicion of use of a controlled dangerous substance by Ms. Noguera to the Board of Dentistry immediately but in no event more than twenty-four (24) hours following the conduct.

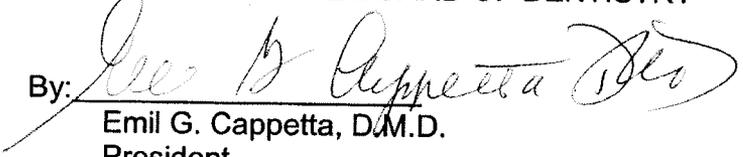
8(a.) Ms. Noguera shall be subject to an order of automatic suspension of her license upon the Board's receipt of any information which the Board, in its sole discretion, deems reliable demonstrating that respondent has failed to comply with any of the conditions set forth in this consent order, including but not limited to report of a confirmed positive urine, or a prima facie showing of use of alcohol or drugs.

(b.) Ms. Noguera shall have a right to apply for removal of the automatic suspension on ten (10) days notice to the Board and to the Attorney General. The Board may hold a hearing on that application before the full Board or before a committee of the Board. In the event a committee hears the application, its action shall be effective immediately and subject to ratification of the full Board at its next scheduled meeting. In a hearing seeking removal of the automatic suspension, any confirmed positive urine shall be presumed valid.

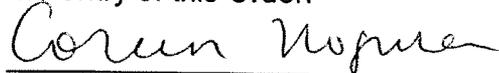
9. Nothing in this order shall be deemed to preclude the Board from taking any action it deems appropriate should the Board's review of information cause it to determine that such action is warranted or from imposing restrictions or conditions on respondent's license should the Board determine that such restrictions or conditions are appropriate to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By:


Emil G. Cappetta, D.M.D.
President

I have read and I understand
the terms of this order and agree
to be bound by it. I consent to
the entry of this Order.

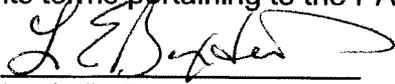


Coreen Noguera

1/21/10

Date

I have read the terms of this order and
on behalf of the Professional agree
Assistance Program to comply with
its terms pertaining to the PAP.



Louis E. Baxter, Sr., M.D.
Executive Medical Director
Professional Assistance Program

1/20/10

Date