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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action
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MICHHELLE FLYNN, R.N. : AMENDED ORDER
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LICENSE NO. 06329800 : REMOVING RESTRICTIONS¹
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NO 06329800 :
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TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE :
STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of respondent's petition for removal of all restrictions placed upon her nursing license pursuant to a consent order filed on May 8, 2003. Previously, respondent's nursing license had been suspended for a period of three years by means of a Final Consent Order entered on June 18, 1999; the suspension was stayed and served as a period of probation. The basis for the 1999 action were findings that respondent had violated

¹ This order serves to amend and replace the Order Removing Restrictions filed on June 17, 2013.

of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) and (e), engaging in the use of fraud, deception, dishonesty, and misrepresentation as well as professional misconduct, by preparing and presenting approximately 27 prescriptions and refills for Valium and Percocet by fraud for her own use.

Respondent had testified before the Board on her own behalf. She acknowledged responsibility for her actions including a history of psychological problems regarding medical issues. Respondent stated that she never actually ingested any controlled dangerous substances and that she sought out psychological counseling. Subsequently, the 2003 consent order reinstated respondent's nursing license and modified certain restrictions imposed on respondent's nursing license by the 1999 order. Nevertheless, the 2003 order imposed limitations upon respondent's nursing license, in that respondent was required to report all prescriptions of any mood-altering substance to the Board within five days of receipt, and requiring respondent to appear before the Board prior to returning to direct patient care.

On January 30, 2009, respondent was notified by the Board that she had been relieved of the requirement of reporting all prescriptions of any mood-altering substance to the Board.

The Board having reviewed respondent's petition as well as a report from respondent's health care provider, the Board has determined that the restrictions imposed by the 2003 order are no

longer pertinent and appropriate to respondent's present status, in light of respondent's responsible conduct and demonstrated rehabilitation for over a decade.

Accordingly, the Board finding that under present circumstances the removal of the remaining restrictions on respondent's nursing license is appropriate, and that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 5th DAY OF *May*, 2014

HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's petition for termination of the remaining restrictions of her nursing license imposed by the 2003 order is hereby granted, and respondent's nursing license is no longer subject to restriction or encumbrance.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

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