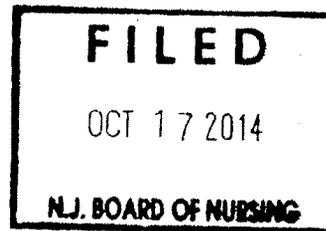


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSES OF :
 :
JOSE E. CASTANEDA, APN, RN : Administrative Action
APN License No. 26NJ00062500 :
RN License No. 26NO11929300 : CONSENT ORDER
 :
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE :
STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information indicating that Jose E. Castaneda ("Respondent"), an Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) and a Registered Professional Nurse (RN) in the State of New Jersey, was charged in December 2011 with taking illegal kickbacks to refer Medicare and Medicaid patients to a particular radiology facility. On April 3, 2012, Respondent pled guilty in U.S. District Court to one count of violating the federal healthcare program anti-kickback statute. On July 18,

2014, Respondent was sentenced to two years of probation and ordered to forfeit \$42,735.

The Board finds that Respondent has engaged in acts constituting a crime or offense relating adversely to the practice of nursing within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f). The Board having reviewed this matter, and having considered the nature of the above conduct, and the parties desiring to resolve this matter, and the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public, in lieu of further proceedings, Respondent waiving any right to a hearing, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this day 17th of October 2014

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent's APN and RN licenses are hereby suspended for a minimum of two years with a minimum of six months to be served as an active suspension and a minimum of eighteen months to be stayed and to be served as a period of probation. The period of active suspension shall commence seven days after the filed date of this Order. Respondent shall petition the Board in writing for a Board Order terminating the active period of suspension and commencing the stayed suspension/period of probation. Such petition shall demonstrate compliance with all terms of this Order. The period of probation shall commence

after Respondent's license is restored to stayed suspension status. Only periods of time during which Respondent works a minimum of twenty hours per week as a nurse shall count toward the eighteen month probationary period.

2. During the period of active suspension, Respondent shall complete a Board-approved professional/problem-based ethics program (ProBE), which shall be in person, not online. Respondent shall, at the time of petitioning for a Board Order to terminate the active suspension and commence the stayed suspension/period of probation, provide proof of successful completion of the Board-approved professional/problem-based ethics program.

3. Respondent shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of nursing in the State or jurisdiction in which he practices nursing. Respondent shall obey the policies of any facility in which he practices nursing.

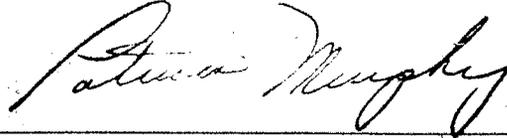
4. During the period of probation, Respondent shall report to the Board any arrest, indictment, or conviction for any crime or disorderly persons offense within ten (10) days of the event. Any arrest, indictment, or conviction for any crime or disorderly persons offense within the probationary period

shall be considered a violation of probation.

5. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to any and all nursing employers during the period of probation and until he completes the period of probation and obtains an Order from the Board lifting all restrictions. Respondent shall cause any and all nursing employers during the period of probation to provide written notification to the Board acknowledging that they have received a copy of this Order. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within ten days after Respondent has left or changed nursing employment at any time during the period of probation.

6. Any deviation from the terms of this Order without the prior written consent of the Board shall constitute a failure to comply with the terms of this Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that Respondent has violated any term of this Order, Respondent's license may be automatically suspended by the Board until further Order of the Board. Within fifteen days following receipt of such notice, Respondent may request a hearing to contest the entry of such an Order. At any such hearing, the sole issue shall be whether any of the information received was materially false. In addition, the Board reserves the right to bring further disciplinary action upon receipt of any new information.

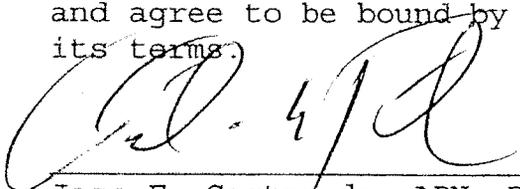
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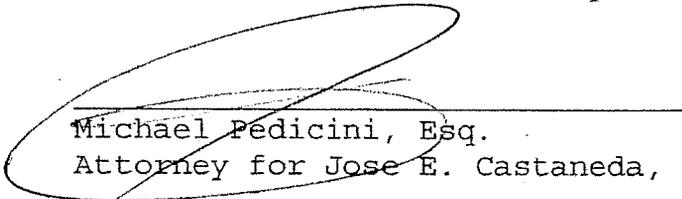
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

I have read and understand
the within Consent Order
and agree to be bound by
its terms.



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Consent as to form and entry.



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