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

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

LINDA L. SPATOLA, L.P.N.
LICENSE # NP 04935100

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 alleging that while employed by the Loving Care Agency in 2011, respondent reported certain unsatisfactory conditions at the home of a five (5) year-old patient in her care. Respondent also reported that

she and the mother of the patient had agreed on several occasions that respondent would take time off from working at the home, but would bill the agency as though she had worked, and respondent and the mother would divide the day's payment. Respondent therefore necessarily would provide nursing notes without accurate documentation.

While the Board acknowledges respondent's revealing the situation that prevailed at the home was an appropriate action, the Board finds that the conduct that respondent engaged in, described above, constituted professional misconduct within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

The parties desiring to resolve this matter without further proceedings and without admissions, and respondent waiving any right to a hearing in this matter, and the Board finding that the within order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown,

IT IS, ON THIS 2nd DAY OF December, 2014

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A public reprimand is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).
2. A \$500.00 civil penalty is also imposed. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be submitted simultaneously with submission of this signed order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Patricia Murphy PhD APN

By:

Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN, C

I have read and understand
The within Consent Order and
Agree to be bound by its terms.

Linda Spatola, L.P.N.

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