

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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FLORENCE N. COSENTINO, LPN : **ORDER OF**
License #26NP05253400 : **REINSTATEMENT**
:
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE : **OF LICENSE**
STATE OF NEW JERSEY_____ :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of a written petition from Florence N. Cosentino, LPN ("Respondent") to reinstate her license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. By Final Order of discipline filed on January 22, 2015, Respondent's license to practice was suspended until she fully cooperated with the Board's investigation by providing the Board with the information requested in the Board's letter of inquiry and, proof of completion of continuing education hours for the June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2013 biennial period.

The Final Order also imposed a reprimand and seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) in civil penalties relating to continuing education violations and Respondent's failure to cooperate with a Board investigation. The Final Order had been finalized by default after Respondent failed to respond to a Provisional Order of Discipline that was mailed to her address of record with the Board.

In her petition for reinstatement, Respondent has provided a full and complete response to the Board's letter of inquiry and demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Board, that she completed a total of 39 hours of continuing education in September 2014 - 30 of those hours to cure the deficiency of the June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2013 biennial period. Respondent has also demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Board, that she completed a total of 50 hours of continuing education in September 2015 - 30 of those hours to satisfy the June 1, 2013 - May 31, 2015 biennial period. The remaining 21 hours may be applied towards the requirements of the current biennial period of June 1, 2015 - May 31, 2017. Respondent shall complete a minimum of 9 additional hours of continuing education prior to May 31, 2017, to satisfy the requirements of the current biennial period. Lastly, Respondent has agreed to a payment arrangement, to satisfy the civil penalties, where she will be allowed to make two payments of \$375.00 each, that are to be

made no later than December 31, 2015. Payments shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey," or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment delivered or mailed to: **Leslie Burgos, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.** Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment. In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

The Board has determined that Respondent has complied with the terms of the Final Order of Discipline and that her license should be reinstated. The Board has, therefore, determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

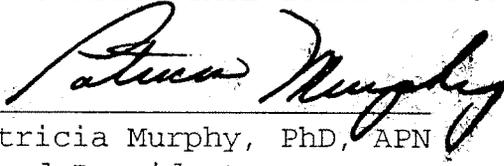
IT IS on this 27th day of October, 2015

HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's petition for reinstatement of her license to practice nursing in New Jersey shall be granted after Board review and approval of a reinstatement application from Respondent, including fees, and a criminal history background check, if required.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President