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

IN THE MATTERS OF THE SUSPENSION	
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF	: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
VINCENTIA AMANKWAH, R.N.	: CONSENT ORDER
R.N. LICENSE NO. 26NR17284600	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
TO PRACTICE NURSING AS A	:
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:
IN THE STATE OF NEW DERSET	
AND THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION	:
OF THE LICENSE OF	:
VINCENTIA AMANKWAH, L.P.N.	:
L.P.N. LICENSE NO.26NP06388500	
TO PRACTICE NURSING AS A	
LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE IN	:
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:
AND THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION	:
OF THE CERTIFICATION OF	:
VINCENTIA AMANKWAH, C.H.H.A.	:
H.H.A. CERT. NO. 26NH05516700	:
AS A HOMEMAKER HEALTH-AIDE	
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This matter was opened to the State Board of Nursing ("Board") by Robert Lougy, Acting Attorney General of New Jersey, Christopher Salloum, Deputy Attorney General, appearing, upon receipt of information evidencing that the Respondent, Vincentia Amankwah, L.P.N., obtained a license to practice nursing as a registered professional nurse ("RN license") in this State through fraud, deception, and misrepresentation.

Specifically, on or about January 30, 2014, the Respondent, who already possessed a license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse in this State and a now-expired certification as a homemaker-home health aide in this State, submitted an application to obtain an RN license by endorsement in which she fraudulently represented that she had completed a course of professional nursing study at, and had been issued an RN diploma by, Ohio American Health Care, a now-defunct nursing school formerly located in the State of Ohio. Four months later, the Board issued the Respondent an RN license on May 21, 2014.

The Board finds that Respondent's conduct, as described above, involves the use or employment of dishonesty, fraud, deception, misrepresentation, false promise and false pretense, constitutes professional misconduct, and also violates <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 45:11-37(g), thereby providing a basis to suspend or revoke Respondent's licenses to practice nursing as a registered professional nurse and as a licensed practical nurse, and her certification as a homemaker-health aide pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(a), (b) and (e). Respondent, on the advice of counsel, now agreeing to the terms of this Consent Order, and the Board, now finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare, and for other good cause having been shown,

IT IS, therefore, on this 4 day of 4 da

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing as a registered professional nurse shall be, and hereby is, revoked.

2. Effective May 1, 2016, Respondent's license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse shall be, and hereby is, suspended for twenty-four (24) months.

3. Respondent's currently-expired certification as a homemaker-health aide shall be, and hereby is, suspended for twenty-four (24) months.

4. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from practicing nursing as a registered professional nurse and, effective May 1, 2016, as a licensed practical nurse.

5. Respondent shall be, and hereby is, assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the fraudulent conduct related to her submission of an application for, and receipt of, a license to practice nursing as a registered professional nurse by endorsement. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey. Payment shall be sent to the attention of Leslie Burgos, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101 within thirty (30) days of the filing of this Order. Any other form of payment shall be rejected, returned, and deemed unremitted. If Respondent does not pay in full the civil penalty assessed herein, a Certificate of Debt shall be filed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 to protect the judgment and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

6. The entry of this Order shall be without prejudice to further action by this Board or other law enforcement entities resulting from Respondent's conduct prior to the entry of this Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING By: Patricia Murphy, Ph.D.,

Board President

I have read the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I understand the meaning and effect of this Consent Order and understand that it has serious legal consequences. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Consent Order.

Vincentia Amankwah LPN Date

I hereby consent to the form and antry of this Consent Strder. 4/4/16 Svetlana Ross, Esq. Bate 4/4/46