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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

RHONDA TOPCZEWSKI, RN,
RESPONDENT

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
94 NUR 036

ORDER 0001791

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.53 are:

Rhonda Topczewski, RN
W192 S7428 Richdorf Drive
Muskego, WI 53150

Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Rhonda Topczewski, RN (D.O.B. 11/07/56) is duly licensed as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license #75700). This license was first granted on April 11, 1980.
2. Ms. Topczewski's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is W192 S7428 Richdorf Drive, Muskego, WI 53150.
3. On March 1, 1992, Ms. Topczewski's Wisconsin nursing registration expired, and Ms. Topczewski did not renew her registration until February 17, 1994. During that period of time, Ms. Topczewski continued her work as a nurse with Mercy Medical Center, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
4. In resolution of this matter, Ms. Topczewski consents to entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By the conduct described above, Rhonda Topczewski is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§441.06 (3) and (4) and 441.07(1); and Wis. Adm. Code §N7.04(15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Rhonda Topczewski, RN is REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

- 1) Within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, Ms. Topczewski shall submit documentation to the Board certifying that she has notified the following of her work as a nurse without current registration:
 - a. all employers where Ms. Topczewski worked as a nurse between March 1, 1992 and February 17, 1994;
 - b. all private insurance carriers who provided coverage and paid for nursing services performed by Ms. Topczewski during the time period between March 1, 1992 and February 17, 1994; and
 - c. E.D.S. Federal, 6406 Bridge Road, Madison WI 53784 [If Medicare/Medicaid provided coverage and paid for nursing services performed by Ms. Topczewski during the time period between March 1, 1992 and February 17, 1994.]
- 2) Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Ms. Topczewski shall submit proof of presentation of a nursing staff inservice acceptable to the Board on the subject of the importance of maintaining current licensure, and the potential consequences of practice without current licensure registration.
- 3) Within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, Ms. Topczewski shall pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. Payment shall be made via check or money order payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.
4. A copy of Ms. Topczewski's written explanation for the lapse in her licensure shall be attached to this document as Exhibit A and made a part of this record.

Department monitor

The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order, including receiving and coordinating all documentation, reports and payments. The Department Monitor may be reached as follows:

Department Monitor
Department of Regulation Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
FAX (608) 266-2264
TEL. (608) 267-7139

BOARD OF NURSING

By: *Pamela D. McCorr*
A Member of the Board

Date 11/3/95

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	STIPULATION
RHONDA TOPCZEWSKI, RN,	:	94 NUR 036
RESPONDENT	:	

It is hereby stipulated between Rhonda Topczewski, personally on her own behalf and Steven M. Gloe, Attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, as follows that:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation of Ms. Topczewski's licensure by the Division of Enforcement. Ms. Topczewski consents to the resolution of this investigation by stipulation and without the issuance of a formal complaint.
2. Ms. Topczewski understands that by the signing of this Stipulation she voluntarily and knowingly waives her rights, including: the right to a hearing on the allegations against her, at which time the state has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to call witnesses on her behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena; the right to testify her; the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision; the right to petition for rehearing; and all other applicable rights afforded to her under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, and the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
3. Ms. Topczewski is aware of her right to seek legal representation and has been provided the opportunity to seek legal advice prior to signing this stipulation.
4. Ms. Topczewski agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Board of Nursing. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall be returned to the Division of Enforcement for further proceedings. In the event that this Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.
6. The parties to this stipulation agree that the attorney for the Division of Enforcement and the member of the Board of Nursing assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board for the purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions

that the members of the Board may have in connection with their deliberations on the stipulation.

7. The Division of Enforcement joins Ms. Topczewski in recommending that the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Rhonda Topczewski, RN
Rhonda Topczewski, RN

10/8/95
Date

Steven M. Gloe
Steven M. Gloe, Attorney
Division of Enforcement

10.12.95
Date

Department of Regulation & Licensing

State of Wisconsin

P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935

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On November 3, 1995, the Board of Nursing
took disciplinary action against your license. Part of the discipline was an assessment of costs and/or a
forfeiture.

The amount of the costs assessed is: \$100.00 Case #: 94 NUR 036

The amount of the forfeiture is: _____ Case #: _____

Please submit a check or a money order in the amount of \$ 100.00

The costs and/or forfeitures are due: December 3, 1995

NAME: Rhonda Topczewski LICENSE NUMBER: 030 75700

STREET ADDRESS: W192 S7428 Richdorf Drive

CITY: Muskego STATE: WI ZIP CODE: 53150

Check whether the payment is for costs or for a forfeiture or both:

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Check whether the payment is for an individual license or an establishment license:

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If a payment plan has been established, the amount due monthly is:

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**DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING
1400 E. WASHINGTON AVE., ROOM 141
P.O. BOX 8935
MADISON, WI 53708-8935**

#2145 (4/95)

Ch. 440.22, Stats.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

1400 East Washington Avenue

P.O. Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708.

The Date of Mailing this Decision is:

November 10, 1995

1. REHEARING

Any person aggrieved by this order may file a written petition for rehearing within 20 days after service of this order, as provided in sec. 227.49 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, a copy of which is reprinted on side two of this sheet. The 20 day period commences the day of personal service or mailing of this decision. (The date of mailing this decision is shown above.)

A petition for rehearing should name as respondent and be filed with the party identified in the box above.

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The 30-day period for serving and filing a petition commences on the day after personal service or mailing of the decision by the agency, or the day after the final disposition by operation of the law of any petition for rehearing. (The date of mailing this decision is shown above.)



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Order Dates:
NOV 03, 1995

Respondent Names:
TOPCZEWSKI, RHONDA, RN

Complaint IDs:
94NUR036

Profession:
REGISTERED NURSE

Boards:
NUR

Short Description:
REPRIMANDED. SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION. COSTS.

Case Summary:
ON 3/1/92 NURSING REGISTRATION EXPIRED. DID NOT RENEW UNTIL
2/17/94. DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME CONTINUED TO WORK AS A
NURSE.

