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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF  
  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST  
  
PAULA J. THOMAS, R.N.,

Respondent

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ORDER SUSPENDING THE LICENSE

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On May 14, 1999, the Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse in Wisconsin was suspended for an indefinite period, with provision for successive three month stays of the suspension, conditioned upon her continued compliance with limitations on her license. Among these are that respondent participate in an approved drug treatment program, abstain from the use of alcohol and controlled substances and submit to drug screens on at least a weekly basis.

On November 5, 1999, the board considered evidence that respondent has violated the board's Order on two occasions by relapsing to the use of controlled substances and by failure to submit to the minimum number of required drug screens in July, 1999. Under the board's Order, violation of any of the terms of the board's Order shall be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in summary suspension of respondent's license. Accordingly,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the license of Paula J. Thomas, R.N., to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin is suspended, effective immediately.

Dated this 11th day of November, 1999.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

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Timothy D. Burns, CRNA

Chairman