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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF  
  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST  
  
JOANNE M. SAVAGE, RN,

Respondent

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ORDER GRANTING FULL LICENSURE

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On July 11, 1997, 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 not less than two years, with provision for successive three-month stays of the suspension conditioned upon compliance with certain conditions and limitations on the license. Among these were that respondent participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, that she participate in psychotherapy a minimum of once each week, and that she participate in program of random witnessed monitoring for controlled substances and alcohol in her blood or urine on a frequency of not less than once per week.

By letter dated June 11, 1998, respondent requested that the frequency of required therapy and of required urine screens be reduced. That request was supported by respondent's therapist, and was granted by the board by its Order dated July 18, 1998.

On January 29, 1999, the board considered Ms. Savage's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of her license, and her further request that required therapy sessions be reduced to one per month. The request was granted by the board's Order dated February 7, 1999.

By letter dated April 15, 1999, Ms. Savage petitioned the board for termination of all limitations on her license. The board considered the request at its meeting of May 14, 1999. Based upon respondent's request, and upon all other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that all limitations on the license of Joanne M Savage to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin are terminated, and Ms. Savage is reinstated to full licensure.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1999.

STATE OF WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

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Timothy D. Burns, CRNA, Chairman