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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

BARBARA A. HITCHMAN, R.N.,  
RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
LS9902021NUR

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The State of Wisconsin, Board of Nursing, having considered the above-captioned matter and having reviewed the record and the Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge, makes the following:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Proposed Decision annexed hereto, filed by the Administrative Law Judge, shall be and hereby is made and ordered the Final Decision of the State of Wisconsin, Board of Nursing.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the department for rehearing and the petition for judicial review are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information."

Dated this 14th day of May, 1999.

Timothy Burns, CRNA, Chair

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The parties to this proceeding for purposes of sec. 227.53, Wis. Stats., are:

*Mr. Steven M. Gloe  
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Division of Enforcement  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935*

*Ms. Barbara Hitchman  
C/O Ms. Kari Hitchman  
5467 115<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hales Corners, WI 53130*

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The Division of Enforcement (DOE) commenced this matter by the filing of a Complaint on February 1, 1999. An Answer was filed on February 7, 1999. A Motion to Dismiss was filed by the DOE on February 17, 1999.

Based upon the entire record in this case, the undersigned administrative law judge recommends that the Board of Nursing adopt as its final decision in this matter the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Division of Enforcement filed a formal complaint against Barbara A. Hitchman, R.N., (dob 2/19/37) on February 1, 1999. Ms. Hitchman is duly licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a registered nurse (License #74920).
2. On February 7, 1999, Ms. Hitchman's daughter, Kari Hitchman, filed a response on behalf of her mother.
3. On February 16, 1999, the Division of Enforcement filed a Motion to Dismiss this matter.
4. Barbara A. Hitchman is disabled and will not return to the practice of nursing. A hold has been placed on the renewal of her license.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to sec. 441.07, Wis. Stats., and Ch. N 7, Wis. Admin. Code.

**ORDER**

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that this matter be **DISMISSED**.

**OPINION**

Barbara Hitchman currently resides at the Lakewood Health and Rehabilitation Center. She is permanently disabled and will not return to the practice of nursing. Additionally, a hold has been placed on the renewal of her license. Because of Ms. Hitchman's disability and her renewal status, she will be unable to resume her nursing career. As such, she does not pose a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the public. Accordingly, there is no need to pursue disciplinary action in this matter.

Dated in Madison, Wisconsin, this 18th day of February, 1999.

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Jacquelynn B. Rothstein  
Administrative Law Judge