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IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

DEBBIE G. SWENSON, RN,

Respondent

ORDER MODIFYING LIMITATIONS

By letter dated April 25, 1998, respondent requested that the stay of the suspension of her license be stayed. The board considered the request at its meeting of July 9, 1998, and denied the petition by its Order dated July 18, 1998. The basis for the denial was explained by the board as follows:

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Swenson may petition the board at any time for a stay of the suspension of her licensure. In conjunction with a petition by Ms. Swenson, the board shall require documentation of Ms. Swenson's rehabilitation, such as: 1) documentation acceptable to the board of continuous abstinence from the consumption of alcohol and controlled substances . . . ; 2) documentation of successful participation in a program for the treatment of chemical dependency to the completion of recommended therapy or for a period of at least three months immediately prior to the submission of the petition; and 3) submission of a current chemical dependency assessment from a health care provider acceptable to the board certifying that Ms. Swenson is fit to safely return to practice as a nurse. To be considered current, the assessment shall occur within 30 days from the date of its submission.

On September 18, 1998, the board considered Ms. Swenson's further request for a stay of the suspension of her license. She appeared before the board on September 18, 1998, in support of her request and provided the board with a current assessment at that time. The board granted the stay by its Order dated September 28, 1998.

On September 1, 2000, Ms. Swenson appeared before the board in support of her request for renewal of the stay, and her further request that the number of required urine screens and therapy sessions be reduced. By its Order dated September 8, 2000, the board reduced the number of both therapy sessions and urine screens to two per month.

ORDER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that paragraph #6 of the Order set forth in the board's Final Decision and Order in this matter dated January 12, 1996, is hereby modified to reduce the number of required urine screens from four per month to one per month.

STATE OF WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

Chair