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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

KAREN J. SCHUMACHER, R.N.,

ORDER EXTENDING STAY

Respondent

On January 7, 2000, 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 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 once per week.

On March 1, 2001, the board considered Ms. Schumacher's request for a further three month stay of the suspension, and her further request for a reduction in the number of required therapy sessions and urine screens. Based upon respondent's request, and upon all other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Karen J. Schumacher, R.N., to practice professional nursing in Wisconsin is hereby stayed for a period of three months. Ms. Schumacher may petition for further three month stays, and such petitions shall be granted upon submission of satisfactory evidence that Ms. Schumacher has fully complied with the board's January 7, 2000, Order during the preceding three month period.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the board's January 7, 2000, Final Decision and Order is hereby modified to reduce the number of required therapy sessions to one every other month.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in light of the fact that the board's Order in this case has been in effect just more than one year, respondent's request to reduce the number of required urine screens to fewer than two per month is denied.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Ann Brewer, R.N.,

Chair