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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

DIANE M. KEHL, R.N.,
Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY
AND MODIFYING CONDITIONS

On November 5, 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 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 month, 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. Finally, she was to complete within nine months a course of study of not less than eight hours in nursing ethics.

By letter dated July 15, 2000, respondent requested that the deadline for completing the course of study be extended until December, 2000. The board considered the request at its meeting of September 1, 2000, and extended the deadline until December 31, 2000.

On January 5, 2001, and April 6, 2001, the board granted Ms. Kehl's petitions for further three month stays of the suspension of her license.

On July 9, 2001, the board considered Ms. Kehl's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of her license, and her further request that the requirement for weekly breathalyzer tests be dropped. Based upon those requests, and upon other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Diane M. Kehl to practice professional nursing in Wisconsin is hereby stayed for a further period of three months. Ms. Kehl may petition for further three month stays, and such petitions shall be granted upon submission of satisfactory evidence that Ms. Kehl has fully complied with the board's November 5, 1999, Order during the preceding three month period.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in light of the fact that alcohol is among the substances included in Ms. Kehl's urine screens, the requirement that Ms. Kehl submit to breathalyzer tests is hereby terminated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the number of required urine screens is hereby reduced to two per month.

Dated this 16th day of July, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Ann Brewer, R.N.,
Chair