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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

MARY J. SWEERE, RN,

Respondent

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ORDER GRANTING STAY AND MODIFYING CONDITIONS

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On September 1, 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, that she attend AA or NA meetings 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 each week.

On July 9, 2001, and October 4, 2001, the board granted Ms. Sweere's requests for further three month stays of the suspension of her license.

On January 3, 2002, the board granted Ms. Sweere's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of her license; and her further request for a reduction in the number of required therapy sessions.

On March 15, 2002, the board granted Ms. Sweere's request for a further stay of suspension.

On July 11, 2002, the board considered Ms. Sweere's request for a further stay, and her further requests that her work setting be approved, and that the number of required urine screens and therapy sessions be reduced. Based upon all information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Mary J. Sweere, RN, to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin is hereby stayed for a period of three months. Ms. Sweere may petition for further three month stays of the suspension, which shall be granted upon submission of satisfactory evidence that Ms. Sweere has complied with the terms of the board's Final Decision and Order in this matter during the preceding three month period.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the number of required therapy sessions is hereby reduced to one every two months.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Sweere's employment setting at Aurora Bay Care is hereby approved.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2002.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN  
Chair