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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

PETER V. WALTER, RN, APNP,

ORDER DENYING REINSTATEMENT

Respondent

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On May 14, 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 By the terms of the board's order, respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse in Wisconsin was revoked.

On February 1, 2002, Mr. Walter appeared before the board to request reinstatement of his license. prior to further consideration of that request, the board suggested that Mr. Walter have both an AODA assessment and a complete psychological assessment performed by two separate assessors, the latter by a psychologist satisfactory to the board, to determine whether in the opinion of the assessors he could safely resume the practice of professional nursing in Wisconsin. The assessments were include recommendations as to limitations, if any, which should be placed on any license granted by the board to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare.

On May 2, 2002, the board further considered the application following receipt of the required psychological assessments. The board also became aware that the board's Final Decision and Order in the matter orders that the full costs of the disciplinary proceeding be assessed against Mr. Walter, and that those costs have not been paid. Section 440.22(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes states as follows:

**440.22 Assessment of costs. . . . (3)** In addition to any other discipline imposed, if the department, examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board assesses costs of the proceeding to the holder of the credential under sub. (2), the department, examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board may not restore, renew or otherwise issue any credential to the holder until the holder has made payment to the department . . . in the full amount assessed, together with any accrued interest.

Based on the foregoing, Mr. Walter's petition must be denied. The board will reconsider the petition at such time as it receives evidence that the assessed costs in the matter have been paid.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN

Chair