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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

PATRICK L. SKELTON, LPN,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY AND MODIFYING CONDITIONS

On July 11, 2002, 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 practical nurse in Wisconsin was suspended for an indefinite period. The Order provided that the suspension was stayed for three months, with provision for additional stays conditioned upon respondent's compliance with certain conditions and limitations on his license. Included among these were that respondent participate in an approved drug and alcohol treatment program, that he participate in therapy at least once per week, and that he participate in a drug screening program consisting of at least 26 screens per year.

In November, 2002, February, 2003, and May, 2003, the board granted Mr. Skelton's requests for further stays of the suspension.

On August 8, 2003, the board considered Mr. Skelton's request for a further three month stay, and his further request that he be permitted access to controlled substances in his work setting.. Based upon all information of record, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of Patrick L. Skelton to practice as a practical nurse in Wisconsin is hereby stayed for a further period of three months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Skelton may have access to and may administer controlled substances in his work setting.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN
Chair