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### STATE OF WISCONSIN

### BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF :

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

: ORDER GRANTING STAY

ELLEN N. LALUZERNE, R.N., : LS0201045NUR

RESPONDENT. :

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On January 10, 2003, the Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's Order, Ms. Laluzerne's license was suspended for an indefinite period. The Order provided that Ms. Laluzerne could petition for an initial three month stay of the suspension conditioned upon compliance with the conditions and limitations outlined below for a period of three months.

Respondent is permitted to thereafter apply for consecutive three month extensions of the stay of suspension, which shall be granted upon acceptable demonstration of compliance with the conditions and limitations imposed on the respondent for rehabilitation and practice during the prior three (3) month period. Upon a showing by respondent of continuous, successful compliance for a period of at least five years of active practice with the terms of this order and compliance with all other terms of this Order, the Board may grant a petition by the Ms. Laluzerne for return of full licensure

Ms. Laluzerne was required to enroll and continue successful participation in all components of a drug and alcohol treatment program at a treatment facility acceptable to the board. The rehabilitation program must include and respondent must participate in individual and/or group therapy sessions for the first year of the stayed suspension upon a schedule as recommended by the supervising physician or therapist, but not less than once per week. Ms. Laluzerne is also required to attend Narcotics Anonymous and/or Alcoholic Anonymous meetings or an equivalent program for recovering professionals, upon a frequency as recommended by the supervising physician or therapist, but not less than one meeting per week. Attendance of Respondent at such meetings must be verified and reported monthly to the supervising physician or therapist.

Within thirty (30) days from the date of the board's Order the Respondent was required to begin participation in a drug and alcohol monitoring program approved by the department pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code § RL 7.11. The Approved Program must require the testing of urine specimens at a frequency of not less than 52 times each year.

Ms. Laluzerne is responsible for compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the Final Decision and Order. She must promptly notify the Department Monitor, of any suspected violations of any of the terms and conditions of the Order, including any failures of the Supervising Health Care Provider, treatment facility, laboratory or collection sites to conform to the terms and conditions of this Order.

Ms. Laluzerne must refrain from access to or administration of controlled substances in her work setting. She is required to practice only under the general supervision of a licensed professional nurse or other licensed health care professional approved by the Board or in a work setting pre-approved by the Board or its designated agent.

Finally, Ms. Laluzerne was required to arrange for her employer to provide formal written reports to the board on a

quarterly basis, assessing Ms. Laluzerne's work performance. Also on January 10, 2003, the board considered Ms. Laluzerne's petition for a three month stay of the suspension of her license. The board considered as well that there was no evidence that Ms. Laluzerne had complied with the board's Order for the previous three months. Accordingly, the board denied the stay. On February 7, 2003, the board considered evidence that Ms. Laluzerne was now in compliance with the terms of her limited license. Accordingly, the board granted the stay. On April 16 and August 8, 2003, the board granted Ms. Laluzerne's requests for further stays of the suspension. On November 7, 2003, the board considered Ms. Laluzerne's requests for a further stay of the suspension, and her further request for a reduction in the number of required urine screens. The board notes that Ms. Laluzerne has practiced under the ordered limitations for less than one year. Accordingly, it is ordered as follows: **ORDER** NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the request for a stay of the suspension of the license of Ellen N. Laluzerne, RN, to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Wisconsin is granted, and the suspension is hereby stayed for a period of three months. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Laluzerne's request for a reduction in the number of required urine screens is denied. Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003. STATE OF WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN

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