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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :  
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
JENNIFER M. AMBLE, R.N., A.P.N.P., :  
RESPONDENT. :

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**ORDER 0006977**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 NUR 466

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Jennifer M. Amble, R.N., A.P.N.P.  
La Crosse, WI 54603

Wisconsin Board of Nursing  
P.O. Box 8366  
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190  
Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Board of Nursing (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Jennifer M. Amble, R.N., A.P.N.P., (DOB xx-xx-1968) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse, having license number 188786-30, first issued on April 12, 2012, and current through February 29, 2020.<sup>1</sup> Respondent is also certified in the state of Wisconsin as an advanced practice nurse prescriber, having certificate number 6049-33, first issued on October 1, 2014, and current through September 30, 2020. Respondent possesses multistate practice privileges pursuant to the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact).

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<sup>1</sup> Respondent timely submitted an application for renewal of her registered nurse license. Such application is pending before the Board. Wisconsin Stat. § 227.51(2) provides that Respondent's registered nurse license remains active until the application has been finally acted upon by the Board.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is located in La Crosse, Wisconsin 54603.

3. While employed as a registered nurse and an advanced practice nurse prescriber at a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical center in Wisconsin, Respondent used a VA Security Prescription Form and a VA Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number to prescribe controlled substances to an individual who was not a VA patient.

4. Between November 4, 2016, and June 10, 2019, Respondent issued 108 prescriptions of controlled substances to this individual; 86 of which were for hydrocodone-acetaminophen 10/325 mg.

5. Respondent did not document her encounters with this individual, who suffered from low back and ankle pain, in the medical record, nor did she retain copies of the controlled substance prescriptions.

6. On August 5, 2019, Respondent voluntarily surrendered her DEA registration.

7. On October 1, 2019, Respondent was convicted in U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, Case No. 19CR140JDP, of one (1) count of knowingly, intentionally, and unlawfully, distributing and dispensing 60 hydrocodone 10/325 mg pills to an individual who was not a VA patient, outside the scope of professional medical practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose, a federal felony, in violation of Title 21, USCS §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

8. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(2), by violating or aiding and abetting a violation of any law substantially related to the practice of nursing or being convicted of any crime substantially related to the practice of nursing.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(6)(c), by departing from or failing to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable nursing practice that may create unnecessary risk or danger to a patient's life, health, or safety. Actual injury to a patient need not be established.

4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § N 7.03(8)(a), by prescribing any drug other than in the course of legitimate practice or as otherwise prohibited by law.

5. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 441.51(3)(c)7. and 441.51(3)(g)2., Respondent shall not retain her multistate practice privileges pursuant to the Compact upon conviction of a felony offense.

6. As a result of the above conduct, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1g)(b), (d), and (e).

### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The SURRENDER of Respondent's advanced practice nurse prescriber certificate (No. 6049-33), and the privilege of Respondent to practice advanced practice nurse prescribing in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to the Compact, is hereby accepted.

a. Respondent shall not petition the Board of Nursing for reinstatement of her advanced practice nurse prescriber certificate, (No. 6049-33), for at least three (3) years from the date of this Order.

b. In the event Respondent petitions the Board of Nursing for reinstatement as an advanced practice nurse prescriber in the future, the Board may enter an order denying such application without further notice or hearing. Whether to grant a certificate and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any certificate granted shall be in the discretion of the Board.

3. The license of Respondent to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin (No. 188786-30), and her privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Compact, are SUSPENDED for a period of three (3) months from the date of this Order.

a. For at least two (2) years from the date of this Order, the license of Respondent to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license number 188786-30), and her privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Compact, are LIMITED as follows:

i. Respondent shall provide her nursing employer with a copy of this Order before engaging in any nursing employment. Respondent shall provide the Department Monitor with written acknowledgment from each nursing employer that a copy of this Order has been received. Such acknowledgment shall be provided to the Department Monitor within fourteen (14) days of beginning new employment and/or within fourteen (14) days of the date of this Order for employment current as of the date of this Order.

ii. Respondent shall work only under direct supervision, and only in a work setting pre-approved by the Board. Respondent shall not work in a home health, assisted living, agency, pool, or as a nurse in a correctional setting.

- iii. Respondent shall arrange for her nursing employer(s) to send to the Department Monitor quarterly reports, reporting the terms and conditions of Respondent's employment and evaluating her work performance.
  - iv. Respondent shall notify the Department Monitor of any change of nursing employment during the time in which the Order is in effect. Notification shall occur within fifteen (15) days of a change of employment and shall include an explanation of the reasons for the change.
- b. After two (2) years from the date of this Order, Respondent may petition the Board for the modification or termination of these limitations. The Board may grant or deny the petition, in its discretion, or may modify this Order as it sees fit.
  - c. Respondent's multistate privilege to practice nursing pursuant to the Compact is deactivated. Respondent retains a single-state license to practice as a registered nurse in Wisconsin.
4. Within 120 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$602.00.

5. Payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services), and all petitions and reports, shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190  
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264  
[DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov)


Or they may be submitted online via the Department's Monitoring Case Management System at:

[www.dspsmonitoring.wi.gov](http://www.dspsmonitoring.wi.gov)

6. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's registered nursing license (No. 188786-30), or Respondent's right to renew her license, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be **SUSPENDED**, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By:   
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A Member of the Board

9/10/2020

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Date

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STIPULATION

**ORDER 0006977**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 NUR 466

Respondent Jennifer M. Amble, R.N., A.P.N.P., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services, stipulate as follows:

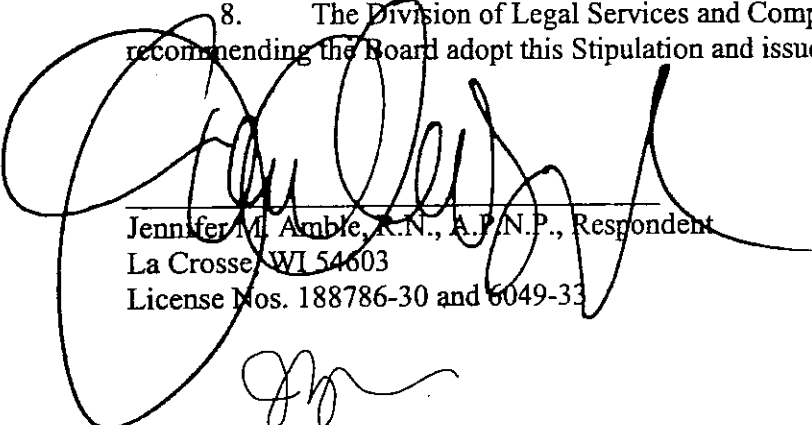
1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
  - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
  - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
  - the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
  - the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
  - the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
  - the right to petition for rehearing; and
  - all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.


6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



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Jennifer M. Amble, R.N., A.P.N.P., Respondent  
La Crosse, WI 54603  
License Nos. 188786-30 and 6049-33



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