

### STATE OF MAINE BOARD OF NURSING 158 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0158

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# BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE NO. <b>R029608</b> ISSUED TO:	)
PATRICIA G. CHUBBUCK	) ORDER TERMINATING ) PROBATION
To practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine	) } 

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2004, License No. R029608 issued to Patricia G. Chubbuck was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2008, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Patricia G. Chubbuck compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Patricia G. Chubbuck has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation executed on June 10, 2004 is hereby terminated.

DATED this 9th day of December 2008.

MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Myra A. Broadway, J.D.

Executive Director





GOVERNOR

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IN RE: PATRICIA G. CHUBBUCK, R.N.	)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
of Woolwich, Maine	)	FOR PROBATION
License #R029608	)	WITH CONDITIONS

### INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Patricia G. Chubbuck's license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Consent Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(A-1)(4), 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B), and 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Patricia G. Chubbuck ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The Board met with the Licensee in an informal conference on April 26, 2004. The parties reached this Consent Agreement based on information submitted by Mid Coast Hospital in a letter dated October 6, 2003.

### **FACTS**

- 1. Patricia G. Chubbuck has been registered professional nurse licensed to practice in Maine since 1986.
- 2. Patricia G. Chubbuck was place on a medical leave of absence for substance abuse rehabilitation. It was discovered that Ms. Chubbuck was diverting medications (injectible Nubain and Percocet) from the pyxis machine for her own use for a period of one month.
- 3. Patricia G. Chubbuck has been an outstanding employee at Mid Coast Hospital for 17 years. She accepted responsibility for her actions and was admitted to a rehabilitation program for substance abuse, which she has completed. Ms. Chubbuck returned to work in October, 2003 and does not currently administer medications to patients.
- 4. Patricia G. Chubbuck has been substance free since August, 2003, currently attends weekly group therapy and also attends a medical professional substance abuse counseling group.
- 5. Patricia G. Chubbuck is on a closely monitored Return To Work Action Plan with her employer.



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## AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

- 6. Patricia G. Chubbuck agrees and understands that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine and the above-described conduct constitutes grounds for discipline under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(A), (2)(F) and (2)(H) and Chapter, 4(1)(A)(1), 4(1)(A)(6), (4)(3)(P) and (4)(Q) of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing.
- 7. Patricia G. Chubbuck will remain substance free.

- 8. Patricia G. Chubbuck's license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine will be placed on a probationary status with conditions. The period of probation will be for a period of two years, to be effective only while she is employed in nursing practice or enrolled in a nursing education program. For purposes of this Consent Agreement, nursing employment is any employment during which Ms. Chubbuck performs nursing services. Ms. Chubbuck's probationary license will be subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Patricia G. Chubbuck will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports from her nursing employer or clinical faculty regarding her nursing practice.
  - b. Patricia G. Chubbuck will notify any and all of her nursing employers and notify faculty involved in any clinical studies of the terms of this Consent Agreement and shall provide them with a copy of it.
  - c. Patricia G. Chubbuck will immediately notify the Board in writing regarding any change in her nursing employment or entry into an educational program in the field of nursing. Notification under this section shall include the place and position of employment or the educational program and the same notification shall apply to any subsequent change in employment or change in educational program.
  - d. Patricia G. Chubbuck will continue in her treatment program to such an extent and for as long as her treatment providers recommend.
- 9. Patricia G. Chubbuck agrees and understands that her license will remain on probationary status and subject to the terms of this Agreement indefinitely beyond the two year probationary period, until and unless the Board, at Ms. Chubbuck's written request, votes to terminate Ms. Chubbuck's probation. When considering whether to terminate the probation, the Board will consider the extent to which Ms. Chubbuck has complied with the provisions of this Consent Agreement.
- 10. Patricia G. Chubbuck understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. Chubbuck understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into the Consent Agreement.

- If Ms. Chubbuck fails to meet any of the obligations of this Consent Agreement, the 11. Board may take any disciplinary action, which it deems appropriate and impose any of the sanctions, including but not limited to that found in Title 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003 and Title 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A.
- 12. Patricia G. Chubbuck affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free
- Modification of this Consent Agreement must in writing and signed by all the parties. 13.
- This Consent Agreement is not subject to appeal or review by the Licensee but may be 14. enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
- This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature 15. below.

I, PATRICIA G. CHUBBUCK, R.N., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT ANY THREAT OR PROMISE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND.

DATED: 6/5/04

FOR THE MAINE STATE **BOARD OF NURSING** 

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DATED: 6/10/04

MYRA A. BROADWAY, J.D., M.S., R.N.

**Executive Director** 

DATED: <u>(a/12/64</u>

JOHN M. RICHARDS

ATTORNĖY GENERAL

**Assistant Attorney General** 

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