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IN RE: KAREN L. BARAKAT, R.N.)
 of Portland, Maine)
 License #R032102)

CONSENT AGREEMENT
 FOR VOLUNTARY
 SURRENDER OF LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Karen L. Barakat's license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(C) and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B), (5)(D). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Karen L. Barakat ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties reached this Agreement on the basis of Ms. Barakat's offer to voluntarily surrender her license.

FACTS

1. Karen L. Barakat has been licensed as a registered professional nurse to practice in Maine since 1988.
2. On November 14, 2005, the Board received correspondence from the Director of Human Resources/Compliance Officer with Intermed, Portland, Maine dated November 7, 2005, reporting that Ms. Barakat utilized one of Intermed's physician's DEA number to order prescriptions for her own personal use.
3. Karen L. Barakat admits that she used the physician's DEA number to obtain the medications because she has a drug addiction.
4. Karen L. Barakat signed herself into the Mercy Recovery Center to address her substance abuse problem.
5. Karen L. Barakat offered to voluntarily surrender her registered professional nurse license.

AGREEMENT

6. The Maine State Board of Nursing will accept Karen L. Barakat's voluntary surrender of her license.
7. Karen L. Barakat understands that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(A), (2)(B), (2)(F), (2)(H) and Chapter 4, sections 1(A)(1),



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1(A)(2), (A)(6) and Chapter 4, sections 3(K), 3(P) and 3(Q) of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing.

8. Karen L. Barakat agrees and understands that her license will remain on surrender status and subject to the terms of this Consent Agreement indefinitely until and unless the Board, at Ms. Barakat's written request, votes to reinstate Ms. Barakat's license. Ms. Barakat agrees and understands that if the Board reinstates her license, it will be for a probationary period.
9. Karen L. Barakat understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects her rights to practice registered professional nursing in Maine. Ms. Barakat understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering the Consent Agreement.
10. Karen L. Barakat shall not work or volunteer, in any capacity, for a health care provider as defined by Title 24 M.R.S.A. § 2502 (2) or in any position holding herself out as a registered professional nurse or with the designation, R.N. including, in a veterinarian's office, while her nursing license is surrendered. In addition, Ms. Barakat is not to seek employment where the handling or dispensing of drugs is part of the job responsibility.
11. If Ms. Barakat fails to meet any of the obligations of this Consent Agreement, the 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. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
13. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
14. Karen L. Barakat affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
15. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, KAREN L. BARAKAT, 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.

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DATED: 12.22.05

Karen L. Barakat
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DATED: 12/22/05

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FOR THE MAINE STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: 12/30/05

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FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
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DATED: 1/4/06

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