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October 11, 2005

Alice Matthews, L.P.N.
35 Waltham Road
Waltham, ME 04605-8801

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Pursuant to your meeting with the Board on September 29, 2005, this will confirm that you met the requirements of the Consent Agreement executed June 1, 2005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Myra Broadway".

Myra A. Broadway, J.D., M.S., R.N.
Executive Director

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pc: John H. Richards, Assistant Attorney General



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IN RE: ALICE MATTHEWS)
 of Ellsworth, Maine)
 License #P009895) **CONSENT AGREEMENT
 FOR VOLUNTARY
 SURRENDER OF LICENSE**

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Alice Matthews's license to practice practical 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 Alice Matthews ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. An informal conference was held on April 7, 2005. The parties reached this Agreement on the basis of information submitted by Yesterday's Children, Inc., d.b.a. Birchwood Living Center ("Birchwood"), Ellsworth, Maine by complaint dated August 30, 2004 and supplemental information from Birchwood dated March 14, 2005.

FACTS

1. Alice Matthews has been a licensed practical nurse licensed by the Board to practice in Maine since 1989.
2. Alice Matthews was terminated from Birchwood for multiple medication errors.
3. The Board finds that Ms. Matthews made the following 5 medication errors within a period of seven months:
 - Twice, omitted the administration of the medication, Baclofen, 5mg, to the same patient on two consecutive administrations (4 pm & 8 pm);
 - Omitted the administration of the medication, Baclofen, 10mg, on two separate occasions, to the same patient, each involving the omission on two consecutive administrations (4 pm & 8 pm);
 - Omitted one administration of the medication, Lamictal, 150mg- ½ tab;
 - Omitted one administration of the medication, Seroquel, 100mg.
4. Alice Matthews has offered to voluntarily surrender her licensed practical nurse license until she successfully completes a medication technician certification course acceptable to the Board. Ms. Matthews will contact the Executive Director to confirm that a course is acceptable.



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AGREEMENT

5. The Maine State Board of Nursing will accept Alice Matthews's voluntary surrender of her license until the medication course is satisfactorily completed.
6. Alice Matthews agrees and understands that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice practical nursing and the above-described conduct constitutes grounds for discipline under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(E)(1), and (2)(H) and Chapter, 4(1)(A)(5)(a) and (4)(3)(F) of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing.
7. Alice Matthews understands that this document affects her ability to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine. Ms. Matthews also 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.
8. Alice Matthews 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. Matthews's written request, votes to reinstate Ms. Matthews's license. Ms. Matthews agrees and understands that if the Board reinstates her license, it may be for a probationary period.
9. Alice Matthews shall not work or volunteer in any position holding herself out as a licensed practical nurse or with the designation, L.P.N. while her nursing license is surrendered.
10. If Ms. Matthews 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.
11. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
12. Alice Matthews affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
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.

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14. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

DATED: 5/10/05


ALICE MATTHEWS

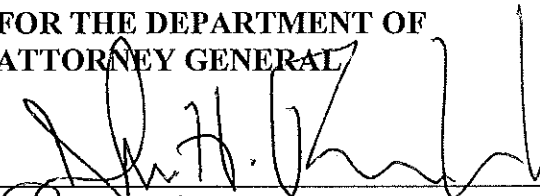
**FOR THE MAINE STATE
BOARD OF NURSING**

DATED: 5/31/05


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

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

DATED: 6/1/05


JOHN H. RICHARDS
Assistant Attorney General