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June 11, 2012

Jessica Whittington
 214 Canaan Road
 Pittsfield, ME 04967

RE: NOTICE OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LICENSE #LPN13122

Dear Ms. Whittington:


During its meeting on June 7, 2012, the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") met and reviewed: 1) the Board Notice of Complaint/Provider Report dated March 7, 2012 with attached e-mail from Lakewood Continuing Care Center ("Lakewood") dated March 6, 2012; and 2) correspondence from Attorney James Billings dated March 16, 2012.

FACTS

1. You have been licensed in Maine as a licensed practical nurse since October 7, 2011.
2. As a result of a December 2011 narcotic audit at Lakewood, an investigation was initiated regarding your administration of prn Scheduled medications.
3. On February 23, 2012, Lakewood reported drug diversion to the Department of Health & Human Services, the Waterville Police Department, and the Medical Crimes Division at the Office of the Attorney General.
4. On February 27, 2012, Detective Chris Paradis of the Waterville Police Department met with you to discuss his investigative findings. At that time, you admitted to diverting medications and emptied your pockets of various narcotics including Morphine Sulfate, Oxycodone and Dilaudid.

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 10004 (3) the Board voted to summarily suspend your license to practice nursing effective June 7, 2012 because of the immediate jeopardy your continued practice of nursing poses to the health and physical safety of the public. Your license is suspended for thirty (30) days pending an adjudicatory hearing before the Board on a date yet to be determined; a Notice of Hearing will be sent under separate cover. The Maine State Board of Nursing web site reflects said Emergency Suspension effective June 7, 2012 and will remain in place until the matter is resolved.

Sincerely,


 Myra A. Broadway, JD, MS, RN
 Executive Director

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