



## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That Sharon R. Azure, R.N. is licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number R028066.
2. That at all times pertinent to this matter, Licensee was working for the Indian Health Service ("IHS") in Minnesota utilizing her South Dakota license.
3. That during her employment with IHS, Licensee was being monitored by Minnesota's Health Professionals Service Program ("HPSP").
4. That on or about October 17, 2007, the HPSP closed Licensee's file for failure to comply with the conditions of her monitoring plan.
5. On January 29, 2008, the Minnesota Board of Nursing advised the South Dakota Board of Nursing of Licensee's noncompliance with HPSP.
6. The South Dakota Board of Nursing, upon receiving said complaint, made efforts to contact the Licensee to begin the investigative process.
7. Upon information and belief, the Board of Nursing believed that Licensee was in the Eagle Butte, SD area but was unable to make direct contact with her.
8. Summary Suspension pleadings were sent to Licensee at Eagle Butte "General Delivery" and were not returned as undeliverable.
9. Thereafter, Licensee mailed her nursing license to the Board of Nursing without explanation.

From the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board draws the following:

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The South Dakota Board of Nursing has jurisdiction and authority over this matter pursuant to SDCL §§ 36-9-1.1 and 36-9-49.

2. That Licensee's conduct as identified in the Findings of Fact are inconsistent with the health and safety of persons entrusted to her care and violates the statutes, rules, and regulations regarding the practice of nursing and are in violation of SDCL § 36-9-49(7) and (10).

THEREFORE, let an order be entered accordingly:

### **ORDER**

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the South Dakota Board of Nursing hereby orders:

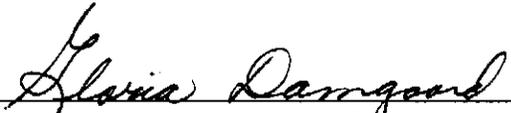
1. That the Licensee's license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota is hereby indefinitely suspended.

2. That the Licensee may petition according to SDCL § 36-9-57 for reinstatement of her license at any time for "good cause".

3. That the Licensee is hereby notified that any practice as, or holding herself out as, a registered nurse during the terms of this suspension is in violation of SDCL § 36-9-69.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

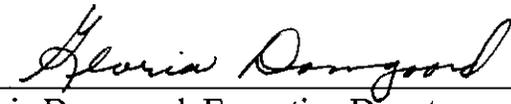
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The above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of Suspension were adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008, by a vote of 8-0.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

  
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Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director