

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING**

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IN THE MATTER OF LICENSURE :  
PROCEEDINGS :

RE: BECKY L. COISMAN, R.N., :  
License No. R-030836 :  
Licensee. :

**ORDER OF  
SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

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WHEREAS, Becky L. Coisman, R.N., (“Licensee”), is licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number R030836; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 26, 2007, the South Dakota Board of Nursing received a complaint alleging that the Licensee had submitted a falsified prescription for narcotics (Percocet) to the Rapid City Regional Hospital Pharmacy for herself. After receiving the complaint, an investigation was commenced.

On November 30, 2007, the Board of Nursing investigator contacted the Rapid City Police Department as well as the Pennington County States Attorney’s Office, who confirmed that the Licensee had been arrested and charged with forgery and attempted fraud in regards to the submission of the falsified prescription.

On November 30, 2007, Licensee was contacted by the Board investigator to discuss the arrest and advised that an Informal Meeting would be set up as part of the

Board's investigative process. The meeting was arranged for December 11, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. Licensee received notice of said meeting.

Licensee did not appear for the Informal Meeting on December 11, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., and Board staff have had no contact from her in regards to this matter.

WHEREAS, based upon the affidavit of Andrew Albers and the above stated conduct, the Board has concluded that the public health, safety and welfare requires emergency action, in that Licensee's actions may endanger the health and safety of those who are, or will be, entrusted to her care in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Board, has a statutory obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL § 36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
2. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the public health, safety and welfare require emergency action against Licensee's license.
3. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the Licensee's actions endanger the public health, safety and welfare, and imperatively requires emergency action in that Licensee may endanger the health and safety of those persons

who are or will be entrusted to her care in the future and that these are matters of a nature that would constitute further grounds for discipline of her license to practice nursing under SDCL § 36-9-49.

4. Based upon these findings, Licensee's license to practice nursing in South Dakota is hereby summarily suspended. Licensee may petition according to SDCL § 36-9-57 for reinstatement of her license at any time for "good cause". This Order also affects licensee's privilege to practice in South Dakota. Should licensee change her home state under the Nurse Licensure Compact, then licensee's practice privilege is subject to the same requirements as set forth in this order as her South Dakota license.

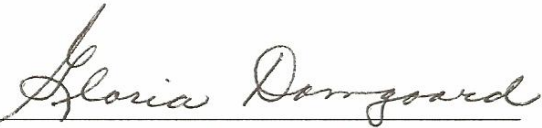
5. That Licensee shall turn in her license to the Board within ten (10) days from the date of this Order and it shall be kept by the Board until further action on this matter.

6. Licensee is hereby notified that any practice of or holding herself out as a Registered nurse during the terms of this Order of Summary Suspension is a violation of SDCL § 36-9-68.

The South Board of Nursing at its meeting on the <sup>20<sup>th</sup></sup>~~19<sup>th</sup>~~ day of December, 2007, approved this Order of Summary Suspension as written without modifications and issues its Order of Summary Suspension consistent herein as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above is adopted as an Order of the South Dakota Board of Nursing this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007, by a vote of 6-0.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

  
Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

The South Dakota Board of Nursing (“Board”) pursuant to SDCL §§ 1-26-16, 1-26-27, and 1-26-29, hereby provides this Notice of Hearing to Becky L. Coisman, RN, License No. R-030836 (“Licensee”) as follows:

1. Hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension will take place before the Board on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 2:00 o’clock p.m. at 4305 S. Louise Avenue, Suite 201 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

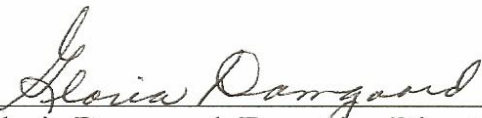
2. This matter is an adversarial proceeding and Licensee has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by an attorney. These due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing.

3. Licensee has a right to request that the agency use the Office of Hearing Examiners for this proceeding by giving notice of the request to the Board no later than ten (10) days after the service of this Notice of Hearing on Order of Summary Suspension.

4. A decision issued by the Board after the hearing may be appealed to the circuit court and to the state Supreme Court as provided by law.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

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Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director