SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: KARLA A. FRENCH-BAKER, RN,
    License No. R027355,
    Licensee.

TO: Karla A. French-Baker, RN
    1108 7th Street North
    Moorhead, MN 56560

The South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") met for its regular meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on September 15, 2010. At this meeting, the Board was advised of communication received from the North Dakota Board of Nursing indicating that you had practiced as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse ("APRN") in North Dakota based on your South Dakota RN compact license. It was determined that your South Dakota license had expired on May 10, 2009 and therefore you had been practicing as an APRN in North Dakota for over a year on a lapsed South Dakota RN compact license.

Based on the information provided to the Board, the Board has determined that your conduct is in violation of SDCL § 36-9-68.

Therefore, the Board, according to the disciplinary procedures outlined in ARSD 20:48:08, issues this Letter of Reprimand.
This final action is reportable discipline and will be published in the Board’s newsletter, posted on its website, and reported into the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) and National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as required by law. As this is a reportable discipline, you are required to provide an affirmative response to inquiries of disciplinary action on further renewals and other nursing related inquiries.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2010.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director