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**SD BOARD OF NURSING**

Re: Deleen Jean Kougl, R.N, CNP - License Nos. 026390 and CP000316  
South Dakota Board of Nursing

Dear Rich:

The South Dakota Board of Nursing met in Sioux Falls on February 22, 2012, and reviewed your January 2, 2012, letter asking the Board of Nursing to consider removing the probationary provisions from Deleen Kougl's Order of Reinstatement of CNP License. The Board, by unanimous decision, denied Ms. Kougl's request for early closure of her probation.

Ms. Kougl has not been practicing as a CNP since November 2010. Since that time, she has taken the Board required remediation courses. These courses were designed to bolster Ms. Kougl's practice skills in the area of patient assessment, pharmacology, and documentation.

In order to evaluate whether this remediation has resulted in skill improvement, Ms. Kougl needs to be monitored for a period of time to determine that the remediation has made an improvement to her practice. This is accomplished through probationary terms, which are for a period of one year.

While we appreciate Ms. Kougl's efforts to provide services on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation, she is still responsible to provide her patients the level of care and practice skills that we expect from all of our CNP licensees. We commend Ms. Kougl for her efforts to educate herself, and to better her practice. The Boards, as a regulatory body, must apply its public protection duties consistently to all of its licensees.

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As I review the policy that was attached to your letter (Exhibit 2), there does appear to be a provision for an exception at IHS for practitioners on a case by case basis. The Board of Nursing would encourage Ms. Kougl to seek that exception.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**WOODS, FULLER, SHULTZ & SMITH P.C.**

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