SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: BRENDA K. RUNGE, RN,

License No. R033482

Licensee.

WHEREAS, Brenda K. Runge, RN, ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number R033482; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2009, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") accepted a Voluntary Surrender Consent Order that was signed by the Licensee, arising out of Licensee’s ongoing non-compliance with Board mandated participation in the South Dakota Health Professionals Assistance Program (HPAP), following her 2005 diversion of Lortab from her place of employment in Brookings, South Dakota. Said Voluntary Surrender Consent Order is hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Voluntary Surrender Consent Order suspended the Licensee’s RN license for an indefinite period subject to a reinstatement request pursuant to SDCL § 36-9-57, as the Board in its discretion may determine; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee made a reinstatement request to the Board, in writing,
dated March 15, 2010, and personally appeared before the Board on April 22, 2010, at
which time the matter of Licensee's reinstatement was presented to the Board. The Board
was provided with an Evaluation Report from the Health Professionals Assistance
Program dated March 31, 2010. Char Skovlund of HPAP provided testimony and
answered questions in regards to the HPAP report and recommendations. The Licensee
also provided testimony and answered questions of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Licensee's request, the statement and
documents provided by the Licensee, the previous Order, the HPAP report, as well as
Licensee's own testimony, and being fully advised in the premises;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the
subject matter of this Order.

2. That the Licensee's license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of
South Dakota is hereby reinstated and placed on probationary status until December of
2012, provided she maintain active practice as a registered nurse.

3. That the Board hereby mandates Licensee's continued participation in
HPAP for two additional years beyond December 2010, or until December 2012, which
gives her credit for HPAP participation already served.

4. All probationary monitoring and conditions in regards to this reinstatement,
including narcotic restrictions in the workplace setting, as well as clearance to return to
employment, shall be set by the HPAP, and the Licensee shall fully comply with those
terms and conditions.

5. After verification from the HPAP that the Licensee has completed all
monitoring terms, the Licensee may petition the Board for closure of her probation. The
Licensee is not entitled to early closure of probation. The duration of the terms of
probation shall be set by the HPAP, shall not be less than the initial term of sixty (60)
months, with credit for time served, and it is recognized that the Board may require
additional probationary time or additional terms upon completion of HPAP. Additionally,
Licensee shall comply with the following conditions during her probation:

CONDITIONS

1. Licensee shall at any time during the period of probation report in person to
such meetings of the Board or to its designated representative as directed and otherwise
fully cooperate with the Board or its representatives in terms of this probation.

2. The Licensee shall notify the Board, as well as the HPAP, in writing, within
one (1) week of any change in nursing employment, personal address, and/or telephone
number.

3. Licensee shall pay for all costs and expenses in carrying out conditions of
probation.

4. That within ten (10) days of the effective date of this order, Licensee shall
be issued her RN license by the Board office and it is to be stamped "PROBATION".
5. If the Licensee violates and terms of this probation, the Licensee agrees that the Board may take such action against Licensee’s license as the Board deems necessary, up to and including an immediate suspension, additional probationary terms, revocation, or other disciplinary action.

6. Licensee shall not violate any law or regulation regarding the practice of nursing.

7. The Licensee shall not practice nursing in any State other than South Dakota which is a party state to the Nurse Licensure Compact, without prior written authorization from both the Board and the Nursing Regulatory Authority in the party state in which the Licensee desires to practice.

8. This probation also effects Licensee’s practice privilege to practice in South Dakota should Licensee change her home state under the Nurse Licensure Compact and Licensee’s practice privilege is subject to the same requirements set forth in this order as her South Dakota license.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Reinstatement Order with Probation was adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 22nd day of April, 2010, by a vote of 9 to 0.

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Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director