SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: ASHLEY D. (SCHENKEL) PUETZ, LPN

License No. P010435,

Licensee.

WHEREAS, Ashley D. (Schenkel) Puetz, LPN, ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a practical nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number P010435; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2011, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") accepted a Voluntary Surrender Consent Order signed by the Licensee on September 23, 2011 arising out of allegations of deficiencies in medication administration, treatment administration, and documentation while employed in a long term care facility; and

WHEREAS, said Voluntary Surrender Consent Order suspended the Licensee’s LPN license for an indefinite period subject to a reinstatement request pursuant to SDCL § 36-9-59, as the Board in its discretion may determine; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee made a reinstatement request in writing dated December 15, 2012, and personally appeared before the Board on February 28, 2013, at which time the matter of Licensee’s reinstatement was presented to the Board. The Licensee presented documentation supporting her reinstatement, including a psychological evaluation, a
treatment summary from Dakota Counseling Institute, letters from her employment as a patient care technician in a dialysis unit, and other letters of support. The Licensee also provided testimony on her own behalf and answered questions of Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Licensee’s request, the statement and documents provided by the Licensee, the previous Order, 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 practical nurse in the State of South Dakota is hereby reinstated and placed on probationary status for a period of twelve (12) months of active practice as a practical nurse. The probationary terms and conditions set by the Board shall be completely followed by the Licensee. After twelve (12) months of successful practice under the terms of this Order, the Licensee may petition for closure of her probation. The duration of the terms of probation shall not be less than the initial term of twelve (12) months, and it is recognized that the Board may require additional probationary time or additional terms as indicated.

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 provide quarterly reports to the Board from her worksite monitor, and a self-report.

3. The Licensee shall complete the following learning modules:
   (1) Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing;
   (2) Ethics of Nursing;
   (3) Professional Accountability;
   (4) Medication Errors;
   (5) Documentation; and
   (6) Disciplinary Actions.

The Licensee is responsible to purchase and complete these modules and return them to the Board office with a successful certificate of completion. Licensee can register for these modules on the following website: www.learningext.com.
4. Licensee shall pay for all costs and expenses in carrying out conditions of probation.

5. That within ten (10) days of the effective date of this order, Licensee shall submit her current renewal certificate to the Board office to be stamped “PROBATION”.

6. If the Licensee violates any terms of this probation, 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.

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

8. 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.

9. This probation also affects 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 Order of Reinstatement with Probation and Remediation was adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 28th day of February, 2013 by a vote of 8-0, one recusal.

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Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS
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South Dakota Board of Nursing