

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE  
PROCEEDINGS :

RE: PATRICIA BRINKLEY, RN : **AGREED UPON DISPOSITION FOR**  
License No. R029638, : **LETTER OF REPRIMAND AND**  
 : **WAIVER OF HEARING**  
Licensee. :

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WHEREAS, Patricia Brinkley (“Licensee”), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds License number R029638;

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Nursing (“Board”) received a complaint or allegations against the Licensee in that Licensee worked on a lapsed license for a period of 4 years and 3 months;

WHEREAS, based on the information provided to the Board, the Board has determined that Licensee’s conduct is in violation of its policy as well as SDCL § 36-9-49(9) in that Licensee engaged in the practice of nursing during a time when her license was lapsed.

WHEREAS, the Board has a statutory obligation to protect the public health, safety and welfare as set forth in SDCL § 36-9-1.1, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices;

WHEREAS, the Licensee and the Board have agreed to resolve this complaint in the manner set forth in this agreed-upon disposition and waiver of hearing pursuant to ARSD 20:48:08:12(3); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this agreement to provide for a disposition of the licensing issues presented by the Licensee's conduct, in a professional manner, without the necessity of further hearings and proceedings herein, and to provide for a responsible resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed as follows:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
2. The Board asserts and the Licensee admits that Licensee worked on a lapsed license for a period of four years and three months.
3. The Licensee recognizes that this matter is of a nature that would constitute grounds for discipline of Licensee's license to practice as a nurse in the State of South Dakota under SDCL § 36-9-49(9).
4. That the Licensee understands that Licensee has a right to a contested case hearing pursuant to SDCL Ch. 1-26 regarding this matter and that such rights under SDCL Ch. 1-26 include, but are not limited to, the right to be present at the contested case hearing, the right to be represented by legal counsel, to introduce evidence, and testimony on Licensee's behalf, to call witnesses, to cross examine witnesses, and to inspect all documentary evidence submitted to the Board and to appeal the Board's decision to the South Dakota Circuit Court and Supreme Court as provided by law.
5. By entering into this agreed-upon disposition with the Board, the Licensee hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives the above rights.
6. The Licensee has been given the opportunity to discuss this agreed-upon disposition with an attorney of Licensee's choice and is aware of Licensee's rights as outlined

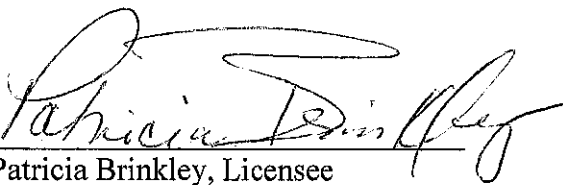
above. Licensee hereby voluntarily waives all such rights to a hearing, notice, appearance, or other rights. Licensee is entering into this agreed-upon disposition voluntarily and without duress or compulsion.

7. The Board and the Licensee hereby agree that this matter will be resolved according to the disciplinary procedures outlined in ARSD 20:48:08:12(3), by the issuance of a Letter of Reprimand adopting this Agreed Upon Disposition.

8. Licensee understands that this is final action and is reportable discipline which will be published in the Board's newsletter, posted on its website, and reported into the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as required by law. As this is a reportable discipline, Licensee is required to provide an affirmative response to inquiries of disciplinary action on further renewals and other nursing related inquiries.

NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing Agreed Upon Disposition for Letter of Reprimand and Waiver of Hearing is entered into and is respectfully submitted to the Board with the request that the Board adopt its terms as an Order of the Board in the above matter.

Dated this 12 day of March, 2020.

  
Patricia Brinkley, Licensee

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The South Dakota Board of Nursing met on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020, to consider the above Licensee's Agreed Upon Disposition for Letter of Reprimand and Waiver of Hearing. The Board, by a vote of 9 - 0, agreed to accept and adopt the Licensee's Agreed Upon Disposition for Letter of Reprimand and issue this Letter of Reprimand in accordance with the Agreed Upon Disposition.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the South Dakota Board of Nursing accepts, adopts, and incorporates Licensee's Agreed Upon Disposition for Letter of Reprimand and Waiver of Hearing into this Letter of Reprimand by reference, the same as if all such terms were set forth herein.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

  
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Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS  
Executive Director