## SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGISTRATION:

**PROCEEDINGS** 

RE: SARA DEVLIN, UMA

CONSENT TO SUSPEND REGISTRATION

Registration No. M006452

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WHEREAS, Sara Devlin ("Registrant"), is registered to practice as an Unlicensed Medication Aide (UMA) in the State of South Dakota and holds registration number M006452;

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") received a complaint alleging Registrant violated SDCL 36-9-49(5) and (10) by negligently acting in a manner inconsistent with the health or safety of persons entrusted to Registrant's care and repeatedly engaged in unsafe nursing practice or substandard care through medication errors;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that evidence exists showing Registrant negligently, willfully, or intentionally acted in a manner inconsistent with the health or safety of a person entrusted to the Registrant's care in violation of SDCL § 36-9-49(5) and engaged in unsafe nursing practice, substandard care, or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct in violation of SDCL § 36-9-49 (10);

WHEREAS, Registrant agrees that the matters under investigation would be of a nature that would constitute grounds for the discipline of Registrant's license to practice nursing in South Dakota under SDCL § 36-9-49, as set forth above;

WHEREAS, Registrant agrees, without the need for the Board to complete an investigation and consider the complaint further, to suspend Registrant's South Dakota UMA registration, thereby avoiding the Board's need to take any further action on the complaint;

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 unprofessional nursing practices and practitioners;

WHEREAS, Registrant and the Board have each expressed a desire to resolve this matter without the necessity of additional formal disciplinary proceedings and hearings and have therefore agreed to resolve this complaint in the manner set forth in this consent order 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 Registrant's conduct, in a professional manner, without the necessity of further hearings and proceedings herein, and to provide for a responsible resolution.

## THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Registrant and the subject matter of this Consent to Suspend Registration.
- 2. Registrant agrees to suspend Registrant's South Dakota registration as a UMA immediately upon Registrant signing this Consent to Suspend Registration.
- 3. Registrant understands that Registrant has a right to a contested 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 a contested hearing before the Board, the right to be present at the contested case hearing, the right to be represented by legal counsel, the right to introduce

evidence and testimony on Registrant's behalf, call witnesses, cross-examine witnesses, and inspect all documentary evidence submitted to the Board, and the right to appeal the Board's decision to the South Dakota Circuit Court and Supreme Court, as provided by law.

- 4. By voluntarily suspending Registrant's Registration and entering into this Consent to Suspend Registration with the Board, the Registrant hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives the above rights and agrees that this matter will be resolved according to the disciplinary procedures outlined in ARSD 20:48:08:12(3), through an agreed upon issuance of a Suspension.
- 5. Registrant agrees and stipulates that this Consent to Suspend Registration is being entered into voluntarily by the Registrant and without threats or coercion and is entered into after the Registrant has been given ample opportunity to consider these matters and to discuss this Consent to Suspend Registration with an attorney of Registrant's choice and that the Registrant has a full understanding of the legal consequences of this Consent to Suspend Registration, which rights are hereby waived by the signing of this Consent to Suspend Registration.
- 6. Registrant agrees and requests that the Board's Executive Director or designee will present this Consent to Suspend Registration to the Board for approval and adoption.
- 7. With this Consent to Suspend Registration, Registrant understands that Registrant's registration to practice as a UMA in South Dakota shall be immediately suspended and the Board shall suspend said registration until Registrant completes the UMA Training Course, after which the Board and Registrant agree that this Suspension will be lifted, and Registrant's registration reinstated.

10. Registrant understands that this action is reportable discipline and will be published in the Board's newsletter and posted on its website and reported into the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing Consent to Suspend Registration is entered into and is respectfully submitted to the Board with the request that the Board adopt its terms as a Suspension order of the Board in this matter.

Dated this 21 day of May, 2020.

Sara Devlin Registrant

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IN THE MATTER OF THE REGISTRATION:

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The South Dakota Board of Nursing met on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, and approved Registrant's Consent to Voluntarily Surrender Registration as written by a vote of <u>9</u> - <u>0</u> and issues its Suspension as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the South Dakota Board of Nursing accepts, adopts, and incorporates Licensee's Consent to Voluntarily Surrender Registration into this Suspension by reference, the same as if all such terms were set forth herein. Registrant's registration is hereby suspended until Registrant provides proof of her completion of the UMA Training Court, at which time Registrant's registration shall be considered reinstated and this suspension terminated.

Dated this //th day of June, 2020.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING