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June-07	2356-06-002	Certified Nurse Aide applicant	Denied March 06 pursuant to AS 08,68,334 (2), (5)(d) and as AAC 44.705(14), (16). March 07 revised enforcement action to allow respondent to take certification exam based on appeal decision of Administrative Law Judge	MOA - Two years probation; Consume no controlled drugs or alcohol while on probation; Submit quarterly self evaluation reports; Submit to random urinary blood, breath, and hair tests. Within 30 days submit "Ability to Practice" documentation from his health care provider, with continued care by that HC Notify BON of primary provider and pharmacist; restrictions on remote employment; quarterly employer reports to BON; supervised employment; notify BON in advance of any absence from community of residence in excess of 7 days; to periodic interviews with BON. Respondent responsible for all costs of discipline
June-07	2300-06-019	Registered Nurse	Substance abuse	Amended MOA, due to relocation to AZ - Permanent conditions; not practice nursing in Alaska until entered into another amended MOA or is otherwise authorized to practice nursing by the BON; consume no alcohol or controlled substances whatsoever; under no circumstances be prescribed or consume alcohol.
June-07 *	2300-06-042	Registered Nurse	Diverted Schedule II controlled substance from the workplace; substance abuse	Amended MOA, relocated to NE: no other details in the MOA <i>(Also added under "Workplace Violation")</i>
June-07	2306-05-008	Certified Nurse Aide	Addiction/alcohol or drug dependency	Surrender of Certificate

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September-07	2302-07-008	Licensed Practical Nurse	Addiction/alcohol or drug dependency	MOA - Three year probation; inform BON's agent in writing in advance of an absence from Alaska /or any move from Alaska to another licensing jurisdiction participate in ongoing counseling with an aftercare program may be required to undergo psychiatric/psychological therapy; counselor/therapist shall submit quarterly reports; consume no alcohol or controlled drugs; attend at least 3 N. A. A. meetings per week; if directed by BON participate in a BON approved care provider support or caduceus group and submit quarterly reports. Submit quarterly self evaluation reports; submit to random urinalysis, blood, breath, and hair tests. Within 30 days submit "Ability to Practice" document from his health care provider, with continued care by the HCP; notify BON of primary provider pharmacist; restrictions on remote employment; quarterly employer reports to supervised employment, notify BON in writing in advance of any absence from community of residence in excess of 7 days; and agree to periodic interview with BON. Will obey all laws pertaining to her license in this state or any other state
September-07	2300-07-017	Registered Nurse	addiction to alcohol	MOA - Three year probation; must inform the BON's agent in writing in advance of any absence from Alaska and/or any move from Alaska to another licensing jurisdiction; required to undergo drug rehab at Providence Breakthrough; must be required to undergo psychiatric/psychological therapy; counselor/therapist shall submit quarterly reports; consume no alcohol or controlled drugs; attend at least 3 N. A. or A. A. meetings per week; if directed by BON participate in a BON approved health care provider support or caduceus group and submit quarterly reports. Submit quarterly self evaluation reports; submit to random urinalysis, blood, and hair tests. Within 30 days submit "Ability to Practice" document from his health care provider, with continued care by the HCP; notify BON of primary provider pharmacist; restrictions on remote employment; quarterly employer reports to supervised employment, notify BON in writing in advance of any absence from community of residence in excess of 7 days; and agree to periodic interview with BON. Will obey all laws pertaining to her license in this state or any other state

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December-07	2300-07-022	Not currently licensed in State of Alaska	Admitted addiction to controlled substance and alcohol; attended chemical dependency treatment program in FL; and has maintained sobriety for over 10 years.	MOA - Three years probation; if concerns develop, participate in drug rehab counseling and, if recommended psychotherapy counseling; counselor/therapist shall submit quarterly reports; consume no alcohol or controlled drugs; attend at least 3 N. A. or A. A. meetings per week; if directed by BON participate in an approved health care provider support or caduceus group and submit quarterly reports. Submit quarterly self evaluation reports; submit to random urinalysis, blood, breath, and hair tests. Within 30 days submit "Ability to Practice" doc from his health care provider, with continued care by the HCP; notify BON of primary provider and pharmacist; restrictions on remote employment; quarterly employer reports to BON; supervised employment, notify BON in writing in advance of any absence from community of residence in excess of 7 days; and agree to periodic interviews with BON. Will obey all laws pertaining to her license in this state or any other state. Respondent is responsible for cost of all discipline.

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February-08	2300-07-032	Registered Nurse	Admitted abuse of antidepressant medication Wellbutrin, causing Respondent to suffer a seizure while providing patient care at hospital.	MOA - one year probation, continued psychiatric and/or psychological therapy; release by therapist and in satisfaction with BON; quarterly reports by therapist; Consume no controlled drugs or alcohol except as prescribed by her health provider; submit quarterly self evaluation reports. Obtain primary health care provider, receive medical care only from this person; obtain primary pharmacist who will fill all prescriptions except in emergencies, which will be promptly reported to BON; restrictions on remote employment; quarterly employer reports to BON; supervised employment; reprimand in the form of MOA placed in Respondent's license file; notify BON in writing in advance of any absence from community residence in excess of 7 days; agree to periodic interview with BON; comply with laws pertaining to her license; sign all authorizations necessary for release of information required by MOA; noncooperation of reporting persons may result in termination of probation and invoking of other sanctions. Keep BON's agent advised in writing at all times of current mailing address, physical address, telephone

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February-08	2350-08-001	Not currently Licensed to practice nursing in	Tested positive for marihuana while undergoing a chemical dependency evaluation on 11-12-07.	MOA - Three year probation; random urinalysis, blood, breath, and hair drug sign all authorizations necessary for release of information required by the N use of any illicit controlled substance by the Respondent will constitute a vio
April-08	2300-04-030	Registered Nurse	Drug and alcohol addiction; completed treatment programs in 2004,2005, and 2006; relapsed 3 time; entered an additional treatment program in 2006 and successfully completed aftercare in 2007. Is also bipolar which must be treated.	MOA - Three year probation; must inform the BON's agent in writing in adva any absence from Alaska and/or any move from Alaska to another licensing jurisdiction; may be required to undergo an ongoing program of drug rehabil counseling if concerns develop; may be required to undergo psychiatric and psychological therapy as recommended; therapist rehabilitative counselor/th shall send written reports to the Board quarterly. Respondent will consume r drugs or alcohol except as prescribed by health care provider while under probation; attend at least 3 NA or AA meetings per week; if directed by BON participate regularly in a Board approved health care provider support or cac group; submit quarterly self evaluation reports; shall submit to random urinal blood, breath, and hair tests. Within 30 days submit "Ability to Practice" documentation from his health care provider. Notify BON of primary provide pharmacist; may not receive medical care from spouse, significant other, far members and relatives, or associates; restrictions on remote employment; q

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April-08	2300-08-002	Registered Nurse	Drug addiction and diverted a controlled substance from the workplace; completed an inpatient treatment program and is completing continuing aftercare program.	MOA - Three year probation; inform BON's agent in writing in advance of an absence from Alaska /or any move from Alaska to another licensing jurisdiction participate in ongoing counseling with an aftercare program may be required to undergo psychiatric and/or psychological therapy as recommended by treatment program; quarterly reports to BON from counselor/therapist; Respondent shall consume no alcohol or controlled substances. Respondent must inform her care provider of her addiction; then may take drugs on HCP's written prescription not self-medicate; attend at least 3 NA or AA meetings per week; participate regularly in a BON approved health care provider support or caduceus group; submit quarterly evidence of participation; submit quarterly self evaluation re-submit to random urinalysis, blood, breath, and hair tests. Within 30 days submit satisfactory evidence in writing from her HCP confirming ability to practice. Respondent shall have HCP licensed in Alaska, and identified to BON; HCP be provided with copy of MOA. Respondent may not receive medical care fi

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October-08	2300-08-030	Registered Nurse	Second offense after completing first MOA for same offense. Repeated drug addiction and diverted a controlled substance from the workplace; completed an inpatient treatment program and is completing continuing aftercare program.	MOA - Five years probation; ; inform BON's agent in writing in advance of an absence from Alaska /or any move from Alaska to another licensing jurisdiction participate in ongoing counseling with an aftercare program may be required to undergo psychiatric and/or psychological therapy as recommended by treatment program; quarterly reports to BON from counselor/therapist; Respondent shall consume no alcohol or controlled substances. Respondent must inform her care provider of her addiction; then may take drugs on HCP's written prescription not self-medicate; attend at least 3 NA or AA meetings per week; participate regularly in a BON approved health care provider support or caduceus group; submit quarterly evidence of participation; submit quarterly self evaluation report submit to random urinalysis, blood, breath, and hair tests. Within 30 days submit satisfactory evidence in writing from her HCP confirming ability to practice. Respondent shall have HCP licensed in Alaska, and identified to BON; HCP be provided with copy of MOA. Respondent may not receive medical care fi
October-08	2300-08-023	Registered Nurse	Abuse and addiction of prescription medications (opiates), diverted controlled substances from workplace. Use marijuana at her residence	MOA - Five years probation; ; inform BON's agent in writing in advance of an absence from Alaska /or any move from Alaska to another licensing jurisdiction participate in ongoing counseling with an aftercare program may be required to undergo psychiatric and/or psychological therapy as recommended by treatment program; quarterly reports to BON from counselor/therapist; Respondent shall consume no alcohol or controlled substances. Respondent must inform her care provider of her addiction; then may take drugs on HCP's written prescription not self-medicate; attend at least 3 NA or AA meetings per week; participate regularly in a BON approved health care provider support or caduceus group; submit quarterly evidence of participation; submit quarterly self evaluation report submit to random urinalysis, blood, breath, and hair tests. Within 30 days submit satisfactory evidence in writing from her HCP confirming ability to practice. Respondent shall have HCP licensed in Alaska, and identified to BON; HCP be provided with copy of MOA. Respondent may not receive medical care fi

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January-09	2300-08-032	Registered Nurse	Diverted Schedule IV controlled substances, alcohol dependence	CA-license on probation for 2 yrs, fail to comply with terms license may be suspended, keep BON advised in writing of current address and contact info reprimand on file, notify BON in advance each and every expected absence community in excess of 7 days, BON may review compliance with probation participate in rehab ongoing counseling, which may be released upon written statement from respondent's counselor rehab has progressed to no longer important to help Respondent maintain addiction free life-style. Psychotherapy to be done as recommended by substance abuse treatment program. Respondent's addiction rehab counselor shall report quarterly to BON in writing regarding compliance. Counselors shall report immediately to BON if Respondent fails to present for treatment or fails to comply with conditions with all costs being responsibility of Respondent. Shall consume no controlled drugs or alcohol, AA or NA mtgs twice weekly and keep calendar or other records indicating attendance obtaining signature or initials of leader of each mtg verifying attendance.
January-09	2300-08-036	Registered Nurse	addiction to alcohol. Pt was RN for 25 yrs.	Probation for 5 yrs, Inform in writing BON of absences in advance. Respondent shall report to BON upon request during probation, reprimand issued, ongoing rehab counseling with consideration of release if counselor submits to BON written counseling no longer necessary. Psychotherapy recommended by substance abuse treatment counselor. Respondent's therapist shall submit quarterly to BON. All costs are responsibility of Respondent. Counselor/Therapist shall submit quarterly reports to BON in writing Respondent's rehab or lack thereof. Consume no controlled drugs or alcohol under probation. Attend AA or NA mtgs 3x/wk keep calendar or other record with dates of attendance and shall obtain signature initials of mtg leader. Respondent shall obtain a sponsor, Self evaluation report be submitted quarterly. UA and bld test shall be random and obtained within 30 days of request. Shall have a health care provider and primary pharmacist. Shall report to BON changes in health status promptly. Restriction of remote employment. Employer shall have copy of CA and report quarterly to BON Respondent's compliance.

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January-09	2300-08-037	Registered Nurse	use of illegal substances	CA-probation for 5 yrs. Violation of agreement may result in suspension, Respondent address shall be current. Notify BON in advance in writing of ex absence from community. Be subject to periodic interview with BON. Reprim issued. Receive rehab counseling-may be released upon written request if counselor states service no longer necessary for Respondent. Attend psycho if directed by counselor. Respondent's drug rehab counselor shall report in v quarterly Respondent's rehab or lack thereof, Consume no controlled substance Attend AA or NA mtgs 3/wk keeping a calendar or other record indicating attendance with signature or initials of leader, shall also obtain a sponsor. S quarterly self evaluation report to BON regarding method of handling stress, or physical health. UA or bld test shall be random and obtained within 2 hrs request. Within 30 days shall submit to BON evidence in writing from Respo health care provider Respondent is physically and mentally capable of performing duties, Shall have personal health care provider as well as primary physician
April-09	2300-08-038	Registered Nurse	Been in treatment for chronic pain. Called in prescriptions for herself representing someone else while working in a doctor's office. Picked up prescriptions, charged with felony crimes, completed a drug and alcohol treatment program, in full remission, self reported her crime and drug abuse. Continues to receive care for pain management and remains employed	CA- probation for 5 yrs. Violation agreement may result in suspension, Respondent address to stay current. Obey all federal, state, and local laws. Sign authorization for release of information. Noncooperation by reporting persons, act in good address of Board. Report in writing in advance regarding absence from community of residence. Periodic review with Board, Reprimand placed in file. Rehabilitation counseling shall occur at cost to respondent, May require to undergo psychological therapy as recommended by the substance abuse treatment program. Respondent's drug rehab counselor shall report in writing quarterly Respondent's rehab or lack thereof, Consume no controlled substances. Attend AA or NA 3/wk keeping a calendar or other record indicating attendance with signature or initials of leader, shall also obtain a sponsor. Submit quarterly self evaluation to BON regarding method of handling stress, mental or physical health. UA or bld test shall be random and obtained within 2 hrs of request. Within 30 days shall submit to BON evidence in writing from Respondent's health care provider

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