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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

**BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING**  
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In the Matter of Registered Nurse § AGREED  
License Number 637770 §  
issued to TONYA CHARNELLE ANGTON (SAWYER) § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of TONYA CHARNELLE ANGTON (SAWYER), Registered Nurse License Number 637770, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10) & (13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on May 8, 2009, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Prairie View A & M College, Houston, Texas, on December 1, 1996, and a Master's of Science in Nursing, Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program from the University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas, in 2004. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 11, 1997 and recognized as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner in October 2004.
5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

2/97 - 10/97	Staff RN	Arlington Memorial Hospital Arlington, Texas
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**Respondent nursing employment history continued:**

10/97 - 6/99	Staff RN	Dean's Professional Services Houston, Texas
6/99 - 3/01	Staff RN	Kelsey-Seybold Clinic Houston, Texas
6/01 - 8/01	Unknown	
9/01 - 11/02	Staff RN	CareForce, Inc. Dallas, Texas
11/02 - 7/04	Charge Nurse	Medical Center at Lancaster Lancaster, Texas
8/04 - 5/05	Unknown	
6/05 - 1/06	Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	The Urology Clinic Dallas, Texas
1/06 - 12/06	Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Dallas, Texas
1/07 - 7/07	Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	Doctors at Home Fort Worth, Texas
8/07 - present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the initial incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as an Acute Care Practitioner with Doctors at Home, Fort Worth, Texas, and had been in this position for six (6) months.
7. On or about July 20, 2007, while employed with Doctors at Home, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent used the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) # assigned to of Stuart Stone, M.D., instead of her own DEA number, to write three (3) prescriptions for Patient JO, one of which was a Class III Controlled Substance. Furthermore, Respondent failed to enter the Patient JO's name on the prescription. Respondent's conduct was deceiving to the pharmacy and in violation of Chapter 481 of the Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act).

8. Respondent states that on July 20, 2008, she examined Patient JO and wrote three (3) prescriptions, one of which was Hydrocodone. Patient JO had extensive dental caries and probably a high grade periodontal disease that caused oral pain and requested this pain medication to tide him over until he found a dentist to treat his problem. Respondent states she inadvertently forgot to include the patient's name and accidentally wrote her supervising physician, Dr. Stuart Stone's DEA number, instead of her own. Respondent states that since her employment with Doctors at Home starting in October 2006 on a per diem basis, this was the first time there had been any question of prescription clarification for a patient. Respondent states that similar incidences have happened with other practitioners making prescription writing errors, but they were not reported for intentional misconduct or violation of practice acts.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(10) & (13), Texas Occupations Code, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A) & (4)(B) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A), (10)(B) & (11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 637770, heretofore issued to TONYA CHARNELLE ANGTON (SAWYER), including revocation of Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH A FINE, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license is encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-sized license issued to TONYA CHARNELLE ANGTON (SAWYER) to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days of the date of ratification of this Order.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be*

*found at the following Board website address:*

<http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length of classroom time. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL cause the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Board's office to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address:*

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(4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order to receive credit for completion of this program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board

may have for relicensure. *Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following web address:*  
<http://www.learningext.com/products/generalce/critical/ctabout.asp>.

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT's license and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

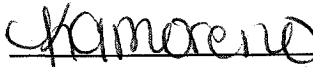
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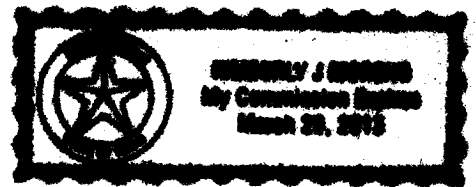
TONYA CHARNELLE ANGTON (SAWYER), Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of June, 2009.

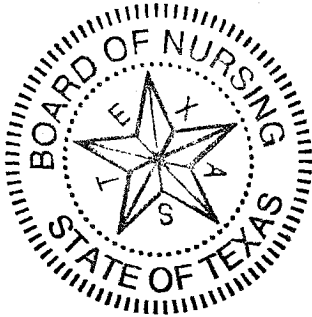
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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 5th day of June, 2009, by TONYA CHARNELLE ANGTON (SAWYER), Registered Nurse License Number 637770, and said Order is final.



Effective this 12th day of June, 2009.



Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN  
Executive Director on behalf  
of said Board