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*Patricia A. Johnson*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of §  
Registered Nurse License Number 817042 §  
issued to EKELECHI GARDENIA AHAMBA, §  
PETITIONER for Exception §

ORDER GRANTING PETITIONER’S REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION

On this day, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, considered Petitioner’s Request for Exception filed in the above-styled matter. An Agreed Order of the Board was entered on January 21, 2016, for EKELECHI GARDENIA AHAMBA, Registered Nurse License Number 817042. Petitioner filed a Request for Exception to the Agreed Order on March 17, 2016. After review and due consideration of the Petitioner’s request, and pursuant to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §211.7(h), the Executive Director of the Board **GRANTS** Petitioner’s Request for Exception. Therefore, Petitioner is required to comply with and complete all of the requirements of the January 21, 2016 Agreed Order, except that Stipulation Number Four (IV), subsections (C) and (D) are modified as follows:

- (C) **Direct Supervision:** For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Direct supervision requires another nurse, as applicable, to be working on the same unit as RESPONDENT and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. This stipulation may be met at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands with three (3) identified Registered Nurses, Charmaine Salvani, RN; Consuela Harrison-Riley, RN, & Lucia Flores, RN to serve as supervisors under this requirement. RESPONDENT SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

- (D) **Indirect Supervision:** For the remainder of the stipulation/probation period, RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. This stipulation may be met at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands with three (3) identified Registered Nurses, Charmaine Salvani, RN; Consuela Harrison-Riley, RN, & Lucia Flores, RN to serve as supervisors under this requirement. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

PETITIONER is responsible for completing all remaining requirements of the January 21, 2016, Agreed Order as written.

Entered this 20th day of July, 2016.

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING**



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