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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED ORDER
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License §
Number AP127543 with Prescription §
Authorization Number 17417 §
& Registered Nurse License Number 801075 §
issued to MONICA UFUOMA AGBRO §

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of MONICA UFUOMA AGBRO, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP127543 with Prescription Authorization Number 17417, and Registered Nurse License Number 801075, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on August 30, 2019.

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(s).
2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order.
3. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status. Respondent's license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas with authorization as a Family Nurse Practitioner is in current status with Prescription Authorization Number 17417 in current status.
4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Indiana University Northwest, Gary, Indiana, on December 31, 2009. Respondent completed a Family Nurse Practitioner Program from Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on November 16, 2014. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Indiana on

February 9, 2010, and was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 3, 2011. Respondent was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas with authorization as a Family Nurse Practitioner on February 24, 2015. Respondent was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas with authorization as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Prescription Authorization on February 24, 2015.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

2/2010-7/2011	Registered Nurse	Procure Home Health Gary, Indiana
6/2010-6/2011	Registered Nurse	Regency Hospital Company East Chicago, Indiana
8/2011-11/2011	Unknown	
12/2011-4/2015	Registered Nurse	St. Joseph Medical center Houston, Texas
4/2015-12/2016	Family Nurse Practitioner	CBC Staffing Agency Houston, Texas
5/2016-Present	Family Nurse Practitioner	Whitaker Pathways Houston, Texas
1/2017-Present	Family Nurse Practitioner/Owner	Health Choice Clinic Houston, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner and Owner of Health Choice Clinic, Houston, Texas, and had been in that position for one (1) year and one (1) month.

7. On or about February 14, 2018, through February 25, 2019, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner and Owner of Health Choice Clinic, Houston, Texas, Respondent wrote prescriptions for Patient CI without the name, address, and telephone number of the current physician with whom she had a prescriptive authority agreement or other written authorization, or the physician's United States Drug Enforcement Administration number as required when ordering controlled substances. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the pharmacy and resulted in invalid prescriptions being submitted to the pharmacy.

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(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11 (1)(A)&(4)(B), 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)&(1)(B), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §222.4(b).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP127543 with Prescription Authorization Number 17417, and Registered Nurse License Number 801075, heretofore issued to MONICA UFUOMA AGBRO.
5. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of **REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH FINE** in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- A. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to RESPONDENT to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- B. This Order SHALL be applicable to RESPONDENT'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. As a result of this Order, RESPONDENT'S license(s) will be designated "single state" and RESPONDENT may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT agrees to comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nursing Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this Agreed Order.

III. UNDERSTANDING BOARD ORDERS

Within thirty (30) days of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT must successfully complete the Board's online course, "Understanding Board Orders", which can be accessed on the Board's website from the "Discipline & Complaints" drop-down menu or directly at: <http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp>. Upon successful completion, RESPONDENT must submit the course verification at the conclusion of the course, which automatically transmits the verification to the Board.

IV. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

- A. A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics that 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. Home study and video programs will not be approved.

- B. **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.
- C. **The course "Prescriptive Authority for APRNs,"** a 1.2 contact hour online program provided by the Texas Board of Nursing. Information about this course is available at <https://www.bon.texas.gov/catalog/product/#bon-course-rx> or from the "CNE Workshops/Webinars" section of the Board's website under "News" menu.

In order to receive credit for completion of this/these course(s), RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. RESPONDENT SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. *Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.*

V. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL **pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) within forty-five (45) days of the effective date 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.

VI. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) and/or privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and, subject to meeting all existing eligibility requirements in Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304, Article III, RESPONDENT may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

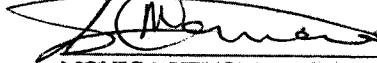
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this 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 this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing and 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 possible revocation of my license(s) and/or privileges to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

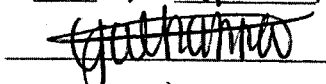
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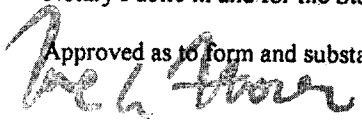
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of September, 2019.

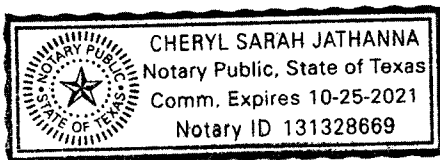
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Approved as to form and substance.



Joe Flores, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 25th day of sept., 2019.



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 18th day of September, 2019, by MONICA UFUOMA AGBRO, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP127543, and Registered Nurse License Number 801075, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 27th day of September, 2019.



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